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## R.A.F. DAYLIGHT "BLITZ" ON NORTHERN FRANCE

### Further British Successes In North Africa

The concentration of British forces around Tobruk continues, movements being covered by operations to the westwards, a communique from British G.H.Q. in Cairo announced yesterday.

On the Sudan frontier, the communique continues, British patrols inflicted a number of casualties.

On the Kenya front a British mobile column entered Buna unopposed on Thursday morning.

It is also ascertained that the Italians have abandoned Elwak as a result of our successful raids last month.—Reuter.

### NAZIS' FRIEND GETS TWO YEARS

A MAN DESCRIBED as a close friend of such German leaders as Goering and Goebbels was sentenced to two years' imprisonment and fined \$500 in New York yesterday. He is Isidore Lazarus, aged 58. He was charged with passport frauds and pleaded guilty.

According to the Government Prosecutor, Lazarus, although a Jew, was a close friend of Hjalmar Schacht and Robert Ley and carried large sums of money from Germany on their behalf

and for Goering and Goebbels, and deposited it in other countries where some of it was believed to have been used to finance espionage work and propaganda.

#### A Racket

The Prosecutor declared that Lazarus obtained a passport through the United States Consul in Berlin by stating that he was born in America, though actually he was a native of Rumania.

Lazarus insisted that he tried to help refugees get "a small percentage of their money out of Germany" but the Prosecutor declared that most of these funds remained in the pockets of German officials. — Reuter.

### R.A.F.'s Glorious Chapter

"One of the most glorious chapters in our country's history will be written about the exploits of the R.A.F. in 1940," declared the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, broadcasting yesterday on the new Air Training Corps.

The R.A.F. saved the country from defeat and freedom from eclipse, and it gave us time to organize for victory.

The air training scheme was an important part of the organization for victory, for the R.A.F. was growing, and needed more pilots, navigators, gunners, and ground staff.

The goal is danger, hard work and high service to the country. In treading the highway to this goal there will henceforth be equality of opportunity for all. — Reuter.

### Iron Ring Closes On Tobruk

THE IRON RING OF THE BRITISH IMPERIAL FORCES IS NOW CLOSING IN ON TOBRUK, ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE FRONT.

VERY LITTLE IS AT PRESENT AVAILABLE CONCERNING THE EXACT NATURE OF THE OPERATIONS, BUT OBSERVERS AT THE FRONT DECLARE THAT AN ARTILLERY DUEL IS NOW IN PROGRESS. — REUTER.

## Strong Force Of Bombers And Fighters In Major Raids

A FORCE OF R.A.F. BOMBERS, SUPPORTED BY A STRONG ESCORT OF OVER 100 FIGHTERS, YESTERDAY CONDUCTED A DAYLIGHT "BLITZ" ON GERMAN AERODROMES IN NORTHERN FRANCE, IN THE STYLE OF THE R.A.F. HAMMERING OF ITALIAN AERODROMES IN LIBYA, BOMBING AERODROMES AND MACHINE-GUNNING AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND AT LOW LEVEL.

The operation was described in London as an "extensive sweep" over the Pas de Calais. Several aerodromes, it is learned, were bombed and machine-gun attacks made from a low level on military installations and patrol vessels.

Only a few German fighters were encountered. Three were shot down and a number damaged on the ground. No British aircraft were lost in the entire operations.

#### Fires In Woods

Aircraft dispersed on the ground in the Forest de Guines, near Calais, were attacked and fires started in the woods.

High explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped on a nearby railway station which was left enveloped in smoke.

On their return a section of the fighter escort made a low level machine-gun attack on gun posts and troops in the neighbourhood of Vissant.

A number of Henschel army co-operation aircraft, seen on the ground in the corner of an aerodrome, were heavily machine-gunned by a Polish pilot who flew across the aerodrome at ground level to deliver the attack.

#### Pilot's Feat

As he climbed away he sighted two Messerschmidt 109's below him at 200 feet. Singling out the nearest, he attacked it and after three bursts of fire, saw it crash to the ground.

Evading intensive anti-aircraft fire he flew back across the Channel at sea level and landed safely despite a jammed throttle, the level of which made it impossible to shut off his engine.

After returning, a Hurricane pilot attacked four patrol boats off the coast and sprayed them with machine-gun bullets and later shot down a Messerschmidt which he saw attacking a Spitfire.

#### Night Blows

Meanwhile, on Thursday night, driving thick clouds which made their task extremely difficult, R.A.F. bombers struck another heavy blow at German oil supplies.

Many fires and explosions were caused at one of Germany's im-

portant synthetic oil plants at Gelsenkirchen and the whole factory was blotted out with rolling smoke from burning oil.

Other targets were also attacked, and the crew of one bomber shot down a Junkers in flames.

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## Ship's Gallant Fight

Before the crew of the British merchantship Shakespeare had to abandon the vessel off the coast of Portugal they had fought a gallant action with only one gun against an Italian U-boat.

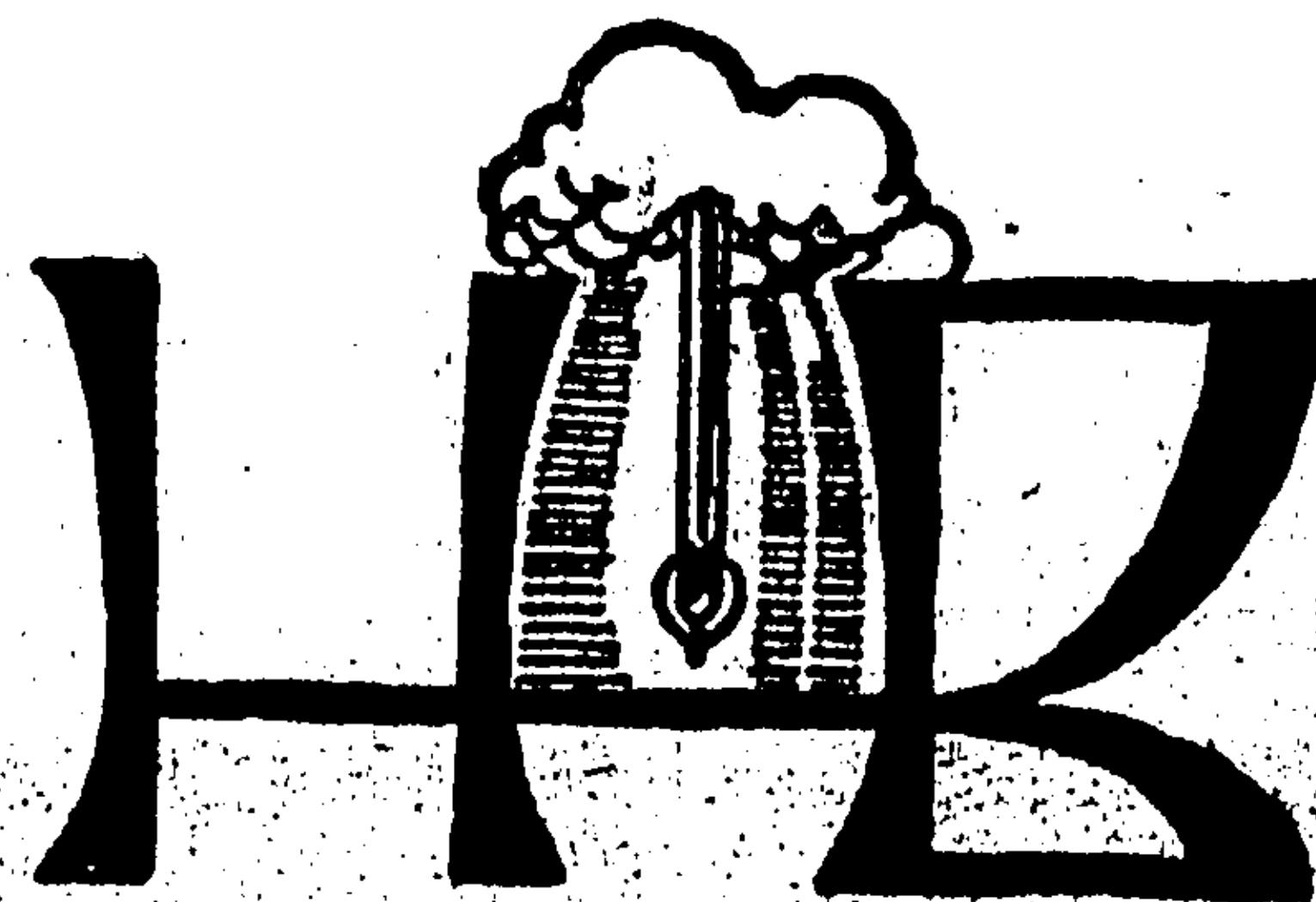
Details of the fight, which lasted two hours, were received in London yesterday.

Not until 19 of the crew had been killed and some of the remaining 23 had been wounded was the lifeboat launched.

Shortly after the Shakespeare was sunk by gunfire.

The commander of the U-boat acted up to the best traditions of the sea and towed the Shakespeare's lifeboat to within sight of land.—Reuter.

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# Roosevelt's Wide Powers Under 'British Aid Bill'

## Britain Could Use American Naval Bases

**PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S "BRITISH AID BILL," TO AID THE DEMOCRACIES, WAS INTRODUCED BY ADMINISTRATION LEADERS IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.**

The Bill, in the terms of the accompanying statement which Congressional leaders issued when it was introduced, simply translates into legislative form the policy of making America an arsenal for the Democracies, and seeks to carry out President Roosevelt's pledge to send those countries "in ever-increasing numbers ships, 'planes, tanks and guns."

The Bill would, as the statement added, enable the United States to "furnish war materials of every kind to any country whose defence the President considers to be vital to the defence of the United States."

Explaining the provisions of the Bill to enable the President to release any defence article for export, the statement said this terminated the 1940 Embargo Act against the exportation of certain war materials but did not use American vessels to deliver war material to combat areas.

The Bill would first "permit the President, when he deems it in the interest of national defence, to manufacture in arsenals, factories or shipyards under American jurisdiction, or otherwise procure, any defence article for a government or any country whose defence the President deems vital to the defence of the United States."

Second the Bill would enable the President to "transfer, exchange, lease, lend or otherwise dispose of to any such government any defence article."

### Provision Three

Third, to test, inspect, prove, repair, fit out, recondition or otherwise place in good order any defence article for any such government.

Four, to communicate to any such government any defence information pertaining to any defence article furnished under the second.

Fifth, to release for export any defence article for any such government.

The Congress leaders simultaneously issued a statement to the effect that Provision Three, about testing etc., meant that repairs could be made to defence articles, whether manufactured in the United States or not.

### Broad Meaning

THE STATEMENT ADDED: "IT COULD CONCEIVABLY MEAN, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE BRITISH BATTLE-CRUISER RENOWN COULD BE REPAIRED IN BROOKLYN NAVY YARD IF THE PRESIDENT CONSIDERED IT IN THE INTEREST OF OUR NATIONAL DEFENCE TO DO SO.

"The provision is broad enough to permit the use of any of our military, naval or air bases to fit out or repair weapons of countries whose defence is vital to the defence of the United States."

The measure, known as the "British Aid Bill," authorises an appropriation fund in such amounts as may be necessary to carry out its provisions.

### Colossal Cost

Estimates of the eventual cost have reached \$10,000,000,000.

Senator Barkely, Administration leader in the Upper House, explained that the section relating to "defence information" gave the President discretionary authority to make available designs, blue prints and other information for using particular equipment.

Such information applied only to defence articles actually supplied to foreign countries under the Bill.

Senator Barkley further explained that the Government would order for foreign governments "only those materials which our army and navy could use."—Reuter.

## BELGIAN TROOPS IN LIBYA

TROOPS FROM THE BELGIAN CONGO WILL SHORTLY BE TAKING PART IN THE WAR IN AFRICA, SAID THE BELGIAN MINISTER FOR COLONIES, M. DE VLISCHAUWER, ACCORDING TO THE INDEPENDENT BELGIAN NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY.

The Minister is now on an official visit to Kenya with M. Pierre Ryckmans, Governor-General of the Belgian Congo, and General Ermens, Commanding Officer of the Belgian Congo Force. They have already had numerous conversations with the British Colonial authorities in East Africa.—Reuter.

## QUIETNESS ON STOCK MARKET

Kaffirs maintained their attraction on the London Stock Exchange yesterday but profit-taking was noticeable in other recent favourites, with the result that both home rails and oils finished easier. Among industrials, cement, building and electrical equipment shares were sought at the higher levels. Several Brazilian issues strengthened and Egyptian issues were good; otherwise foreign issues, with most other sections, were quietly steady. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

## INDIA CONFERENCE

A conference to be attended by representatives from all over India is to be held in New Delhi on January 20 to make a preliminary survey of plans to meet any emergency requiring restriction of petrol consumption, though the necessity for action has not yet arisen, says Reuter from New Delhi.



**WOMEN PILOTS FLY 'PLANES FOR THE R.A.F.** Miss Pauline Gower, the 27-year-old daughter of Sir Robert Gower, M.P., is the leader of the women's section of the Air Transport Auxiliary. She has a score of women pilots as her friends and a number of them are now serving with her. The duty of the women pilots of the Air Transport Auxiliary is to ferry the new R.A.F. training aircraft from factory to aerodrome and includes flying in all weathers. Photo shows some of the women leaving an R.A.F. bomber. (Copyright Fox)

## ITALIAN IMAGINATION AT WORK

An Italian claim that a British battleship was hit during an air attack in the Western Mediterranean is not confirmed in authoritative quarters in London.

On the contrary, it was stated yesterday that no information has been received of any such action.—Reuter.

## INCIDENT CONSIDERED CLOSED

Brazil's Foreign Minister, Dr. Aranha, has requested the Foreign Minister, General Enrico Duda, to order the unloading of war material purchased in Germany and now on board the Brazilian steamer "Bage" at Lisbon, says a message from Rio de Janeiro.

London observers state that the unloading is in accordance with an agreement with Britain.

Reuter learns that the agreement was concluded recently and under it Brazil agreed not to accept any further German-manufactured war material.

Britain, for her part, agreed to allow through the blockade, one large arms shipment on which the Brazilian Government laid great stress.

It is understood that the incident is regarded by both countries as having been satisfactorily closed.—Reuter.

minary survey of plans to meet any emergency requiring restriction of petrol consumption, though the necessity for action has not yet arisen, says Reuter from New Delhi.

# GREECE HAILS CAPTURE OF KLISSOURA

**BELLS RANG and people paraded in the streets of Greece yesterday when the fall of Klissoura was officially announced.**

King George of the Hellenes and his Prime Minister, General Metaxas, were loudly cheered when they appeared together on the steps of General Headquarters in Athens.

Klissoura is a key-town in a valley in mountainous country 30 miles north of Argyrokastron, and has been the main object of attack in this sector since Argyrokastron fell.

The capture has necessitated the seizure one by one of Italian strong points in the peaks around the town, a difficult task that was

carried out successfully in the face of extremely bad weather.

General Metaxas said yesterday that it is understood that both the town and the mountain pass have been taken.

The Italians are reported to be retiring in disorder, and the Greeks have already advanced a few miles along the road to Berat.

Klissoura is an important road junction; one road leads to Berat and the other to Tepelini and thence on to Valona.

The Italians at Tepelini, 40 miles to the west, are now in a difficult position as their left flank has been dispersed.

Reports reaching London state that the Greeks have also made another small advance and taken 300 prisoners south of the River Osum, 10 to 15 miles north-east of Klissoura.

### Advance Continuing

Announcing the capture of Klissoura, a communique in Athens says: "The very hard battle which our heroic army has been waging for several days in the strongly fortified region of Klissoura has ended in a fresh Greek triumph."

"Our troops have occupied the town of Klissoura. The Greek advance is continuing with irresistible momentum."

### Italians Desperate

Reports from the front stress that during the past 48 hours Italian resistance was confined to heavy artillery fire and desperate attempts by Italian aircraft to hamper Greek movements, while Italian detachments were busy attempting to build new defensive positions.

Meanwhile the Greek press acknowledged with gratitude the continued success of all three British Fighting Services in Libya.—Reuter.

## ITALIAN POSITION DESPERATE

"From all I am told, the performance of the Indian troops at Sidi Barrani was an outstanding performance," said Mr. Spender, Australian Army Minister, in an interview with Reuter before leaving Calcutta for Canberra yesterday.

Mr. Spender added that Italy's position in North Africa, particularly in the Libyan Desert, was desperate.

The Italian fleet apparently will not come out to protect the transport of supplies across the Mediterranean, which Britain controls more than ever.

If the British forces in the Middle East had failed to hold the pass, then other parts of the Empire, particularly India and Australia, would have had brought home to them how much they and the Empire depend on the preservation of Empire communications.—Reuter.



# HEAVY R.A.F. RAID ON NAPLES

## Hit Or Near Miss On "Littorio" Class Battleship Fires Started Among Shipping

A HIT OR A VERY NEAR MISS ON THE STERN OF AN ITALIAN BATTLESHIP OF THE "LITTORIO" CLASS DURING A PARTICULARLY HEAVY RAID ON NAPLES, WAS ANNOUNCED IN A COMMUNIQUE FROM R.A.F. MIDDLE EAST HEADQUARTERS IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

The attack was made on Wednesday night, and battleships, merchant shipping, docks and the railway station in Naples were the objectives.

Bombs which fell on or very near the stern of a battleship caused a dull red glow. Other bombs caused an outbreak of fire among large motor vessels.

### ABORTIVE ITALIAN RAIDS ON MALTA

Enemy formations approached Malta on Thursday afternoon, says an official communique issued in London. One bomb fell in an inhabited area but there was no damage and no casualties.

British fighters went up but there was no engagement.

At sunset an enemy formation approached and circled round but without a raid materialising. — Reuter.

### TWO CUPS OF TEA FOR XMAS

A Dutch woman who has smuggled a letter out of Holland to London gives a graphic description of the food shortage there when she says that she celebrated Christmas "with a second cup of tea."

Another letter smuggled past the German censors says that there is a simple solution to the unemployment problem in the Netherlands to-day.

Dutchmen who are out of work are sent to Germany to labour. — Reuter.

### SO THEY SAY

The Italian authorities in Rome yesterday issued an official casualty list giving 1,301 dead in the fighting in Albania, of which 97 were stated to be officers, 66 N.C.O.'s and 19 Albanians.

Total wounded is given as 4,698, including ten Albanians, while missing are stated to be 3,073, including 88 Albanians. One colonel, two lieutenant-colonels and three majors are included among fallen Italian officers. — Reuter.

Fires were also started along the waterfront from the north end of the dock to the jetty. Several bombs hit buildings on the quay and railway lines, while the railway station suffered direct hits.

A gasometer was set afire and a series of explosions caused in the dock area and among shipping.

One particularly violent explosion occurred on the north railway line.

#### Aircraft Destroyed

A successful attack was made on Benina aerodrome on Wednesday, direct hits being registered on hangars and dispersed aircraft.

Numbers of hangars and barracks were seen to be gutted. Many aircraft were set afire and at least 12 were seen to be burning fiercely.

During Wednesday night Be. Ghazi was heavily raided.

Bombs fell on Government buildings, causing fires and explosions, and one ship is believed to have received a direct hit.

#### Palermo Raided

The same night Tobruk was raided and direct hits registered on buildings.

Other aircraft attacked Palermo, where explosions were caused on or near shipping moored to the jetty.

Bombs straddled the northern mole and a wharf.

Italian troop concentrations were attacked at Tesseni, in East Africa. — Reuter.

## FRONTIER WAR WARMING UP

AS A REPRISAL to attempted attacks by French 'planes, Thai 'planes are to raid Saigon, Dalat and Ponmpenh, in French Indo-China, according to an announcement by the Thai Supreme Command yesterday.

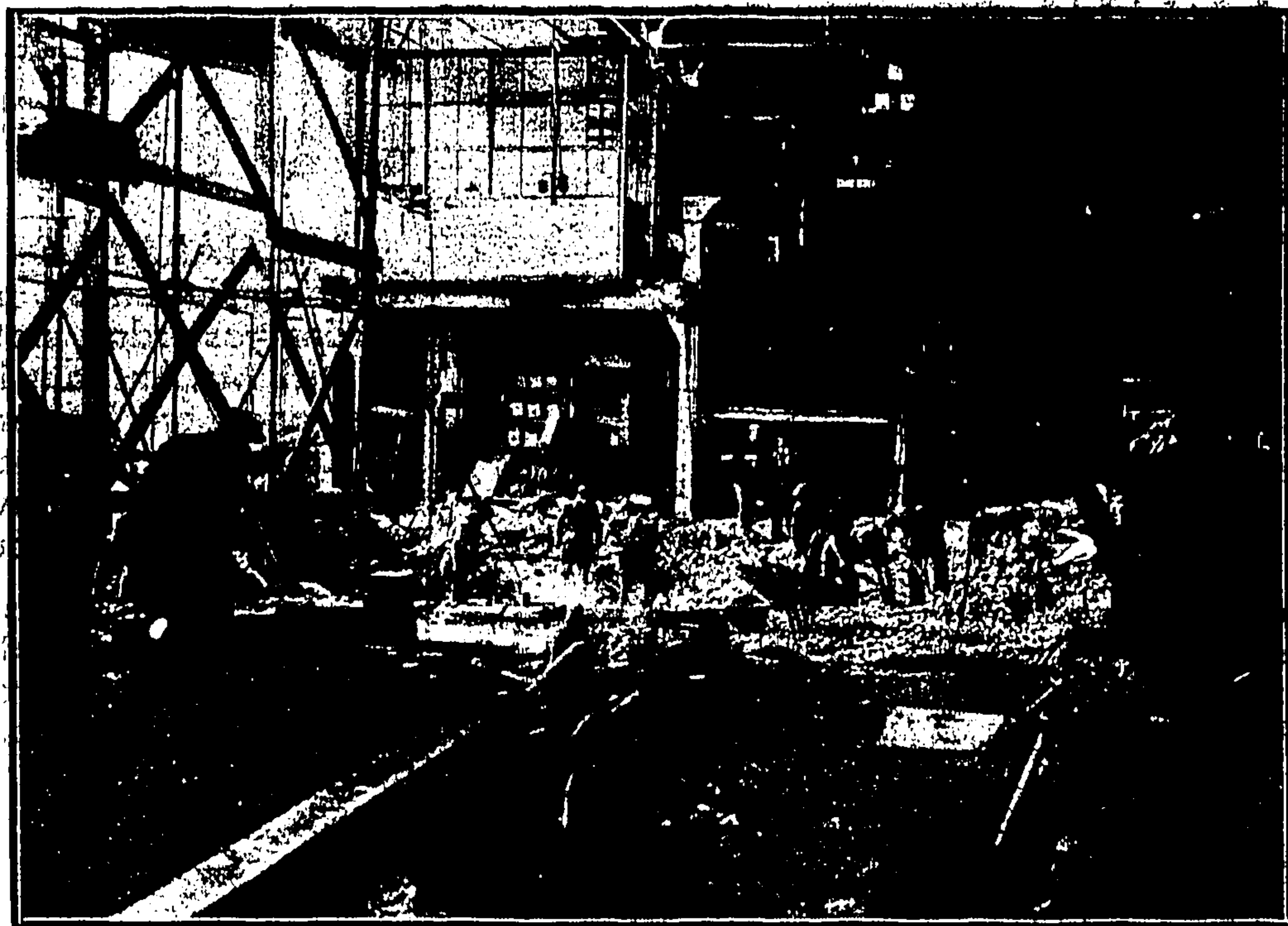
The French attempts were made on Wednesday night on Bangkok, Ubol and Prachinburi.

It is stated in Bangkok that the French forces are retreating without offering serious resistance and that large quantities of arms and equipment have been seized.

Meanwhile, with heavy fighting in progress at various points along the border, rigid black-out restrictions are being enforced in all towns and villages in the Nongkai region, owing to frequent air raids.

#### Strict Curfew

A strict curfew is in force at Nongkai, where military in leaf-green uniform, khaki-clad police and boy volunteers patrol every nook and corner of the town to prevent Fifth Columnists signalling to French planes.



London's export industries continue to deliver the goods for dispatch to markets throughout the world. Even in the most heavily bombed areas, works which have been hit have been able to adapt themselves quickly to "Front Line" conditions and make arrangements whereby production can go ahead. A typical example is a works in the neighbourhood of the Docks employing 1,200 people, which has been bombed. Here is a works, which one might think would be wiped out of existence altogether. Yet, it is carrying on under, it is true, a temporarily leaky roof. Photo shows smelters at work on the last remaining section of the bench, with workmen filling up the crater caused by a high explosive bomb which crashed through the roof.

## NEW DELHI DECISIONS ENDORSED

General acceptance of the unanimous resolutions of the Eastern Group War Supplies Conference at New Delhi is believed to have been expressed by the countries represented.

When replies from the Empire countries participating are complete, an announcement is expected to be made in London regarding the establishment of a representative standing body which, the Conference proposed, should be established in India.

It is hoped that this standing council, with its own secretariat and organisation, will begin functioning in a few weeks. The Council will probably consist of representatives from Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and India, with a Chairman nominated by the Government of the United Kingdom. — Reuter.

## BARDIA'S EFFECT ON U.S. OPINION

THE SWEDISH newspaper "Upsala Nya Tidning" declared yesterday that the Italian threat to Egypt has been finally warded off, and the British offensive has resulted in more rapid and complete victories than could possibly be foreseen.

The Italian forces have suffered tremendous losses, says the paper, which are still more serious in view of the British Navy disturbing communications.

## ITALIANS AGAINST FASCISM

The Italian anti-Fascist movement is rapidly gaining strength in Egypt, where various groups are uniting under a central organisation in Cairo.

These in turn are carrying on active propaganda work among the rest of the 60,000 Italians now in Egypt.

Dr. Protano, president of the Alexandria section of the recently founded "Gruppo Dazione anti-Fascista," yesterday declared: "We wish to see Italy freed from the tyranny of Mussolini, the Fascist regime abolished and the treaties with Germany, which led to this unfortunate state of war, broken."

"All anti-Fascists in Egypt are good Italian citizens and most of them fought in the World War on the side of the Allies." Dr. Protano expressed a hope that Count Storza, former Italian Foreign Minister, who was exiled because of his anti-Fascist opinions, might be available to lead the movement. — Reuter.

## SUPPLIES IN INDIA

Aimed at the maximum utilisation of India's productive industries, the Supply Department yesterday adopted a forward buying plan assuring a continuity of

Bardia's fall has an obvious psychological effect both in Britain and Germany.

Surely a German invasion of Britain is now merely a dream. Britain has now had a long time to organise her defences and has millions of men under arms of a quality equal to those who have won the brilliant victories in North Africa.

#### Doubt Dissolved

The British victories have also stimulated American opinion finally to join up with Britain.

The "Stockholm Tidningen" says that any doubt about the American attitude in the war has finally dissolved and it has never before happened that the leader of a mighty State has so openly supported one belligerent while his country remains neutral.

America is giving everything to Britain except her heavy naval units. It is not far from this to active participation in the war.

#### Anglo-Saxon Union

"The union of the Anglo-Saxon world is complete. At a moment when one of the Axis powers is suffering severe military reverses the British Empire's possibilities of arming are multiplied."

The sharp language in the German press against President Roosevelt shows that Germany does not underestimate the importance of this development. — Reuter.

supplies. Pentage now being made for the Department is valued at 75 lakhs of rupees a month, while the value of clothing requirements next year is estimated at 15% crores. — Reuter.



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# MR. HOPKINS HAS NO DOUBT ABOUT THE OUTCOME

MR. HARRY HOPKINS, President Roosevelt's special envoy, addressing pressmen in London yesterday, stated that he had conferred with Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, and Lord Halifax, new Ambassador to the United States, and had lunched with Mr. Churchill, whose conversation had detained him 90 minutes longer than he had expected.

Mr. Hopkins continued: "I have come here as the President's personal representative to meet Mr. Churchill and other members of the Government, and to discuss with them matters of mutual urgency to our two countries.

"I shall stay in England until I have finished my mission, not less than two weeks and not more than four."

Asked whether he had a good idea who was going to win the war, Mr. Hopkins replied: "I have indeed. I have no misgivings about the outcome of the war.

## United Effort

"American munitions production will reach its peak at the end of his year and early next year. There is going to be a united and altogether successful effort in the production of defence materials in the United States to be used by ourselves, Britain, Greece and China."

Mr. Hopkins said he would not visit any other European country except Britain, but he expected to travel around the country and see everything necessary.

Asked his impression of the previous night's air raid, Mr. Hopkins remarked he could think of nothing less important than his personal reactions to the blitz.

## President's Faith

Mr. Hopkins gave no clue of the precise nature of his mission but assured Britons of President Roosevelt's good health under the greatest strain and his unshaken faith and determination.

Mr. Hopkins added his personal opinion that Lord Halifax would have a great success as British Ambassador in Washington.—Reuter.

## BALTIC AGREEMENT

AN AGREEMENT FOR THE REPATRIATION OF GERMANS FROM THE SOVIET REPUBLICS OF LITHUANIA, LATVIA AND ESTHONIA, AND OF LITHUANIANS, RUSSIANS AND WHITE RUSSIANS FROM SUWALKI DISTRICTS, WAS SIGNED YESTERDAY IN RIGA AND KAUNAS BY GERMAN AND SOVIET DELEGATES, SAYS AN OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY.

Persons to whom the agreements refer may be repatriated within 10 weeks of the signature of the agreements if they so desire.

At the same time an agreement was signed in Moscow dealing questions of property arising from the repatriation.—Reuter.

## SWISS DAY ALARMS

THE AIR-RAID ALARM WAS SOUNDED IN BERNE, SWITZERLAND, AT 1.20 p.m. LOCAL TIME YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING DAY-LIGHT FOR MONTHS.

An "alert" was also sounded at Zurich.—Reuter.

## HEROINE FINDS PEACE

At Whiting Hurst Farm, in a peaceful hamlet two miles from Lichfield, Staffs, Grannie Selina Payne was walking through a fifteenth century farmyard feeding chickens.

Mrs. Payne has just left hospital after surgeons had removed a bomb splinter from her lung.

When the London house in which she was living was bombed, Mrs. Payne shielded a young mother and her baby by lying over them. The house was demolished.

Mrs. Payne is now living as the guest of Farmer Wells and his wife, who immediately offered her a home when they read the story of her heroism.

## EXPORTS DRIVE WITH PHOTOGRAPHS

Manufacturers and photographers are collaborating on a scheme to "push" Britain's export trade by means of photography.

Since shipping space became restricted exporters have found it difficult to provide potential buyers in the U.S.A. and the Dominions with samples.

Therefore they have hit on the idea of "selling" their goods by photographs, sending overseas a set of half a dozen prints by which buyers will be able to judge the texture and quality of the goods for sale.

## Big Progress

"A year or two ago it would not have been possible to sell goods this way, because photography in this country had not attained the high standard which it has to-day," a reporter was told by the secretary of the Institute of British Photographers.

At their premises in Gordon Square the institute are holding an exhibition of the recent work of British photographers.

"Now it is possible to bring out such detail in photographs that buyers can judge texture as easily as if they had a sample of the material in front of them.

"At least half a dozen different photographs, showing various stages of the manufacture of the goods, are sent to the buyers. The scheme has already been put into operation, and is working very well."

## Work Of 600

The exhibition, which is divided into two categories—camera portraits and photography in commerce and industry—represents the work of more than 600 British photographers.

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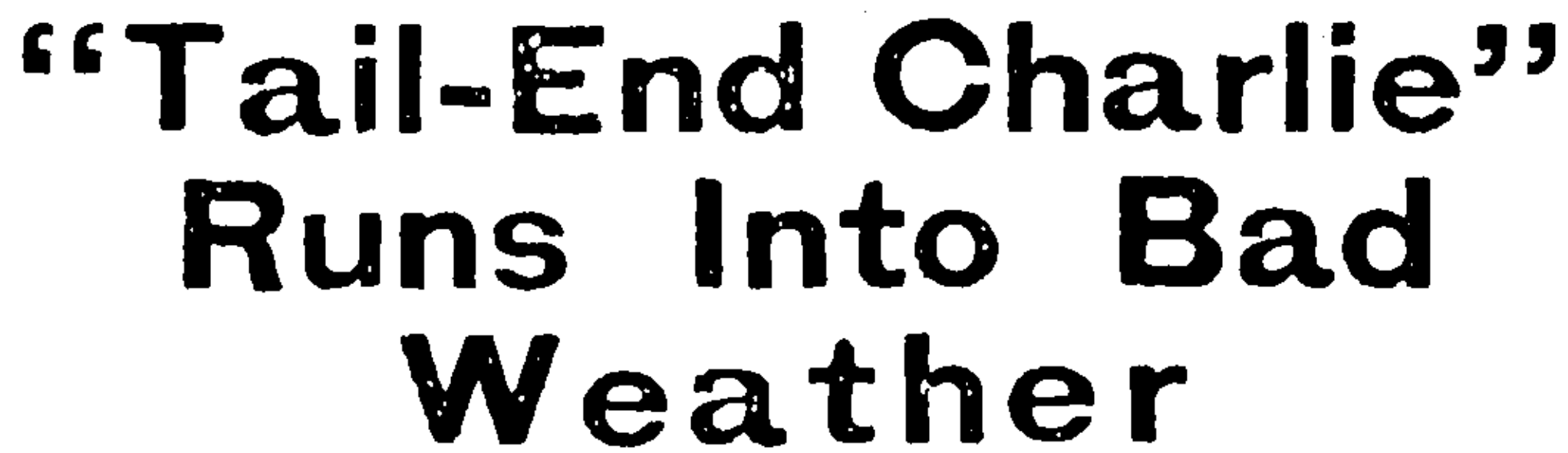
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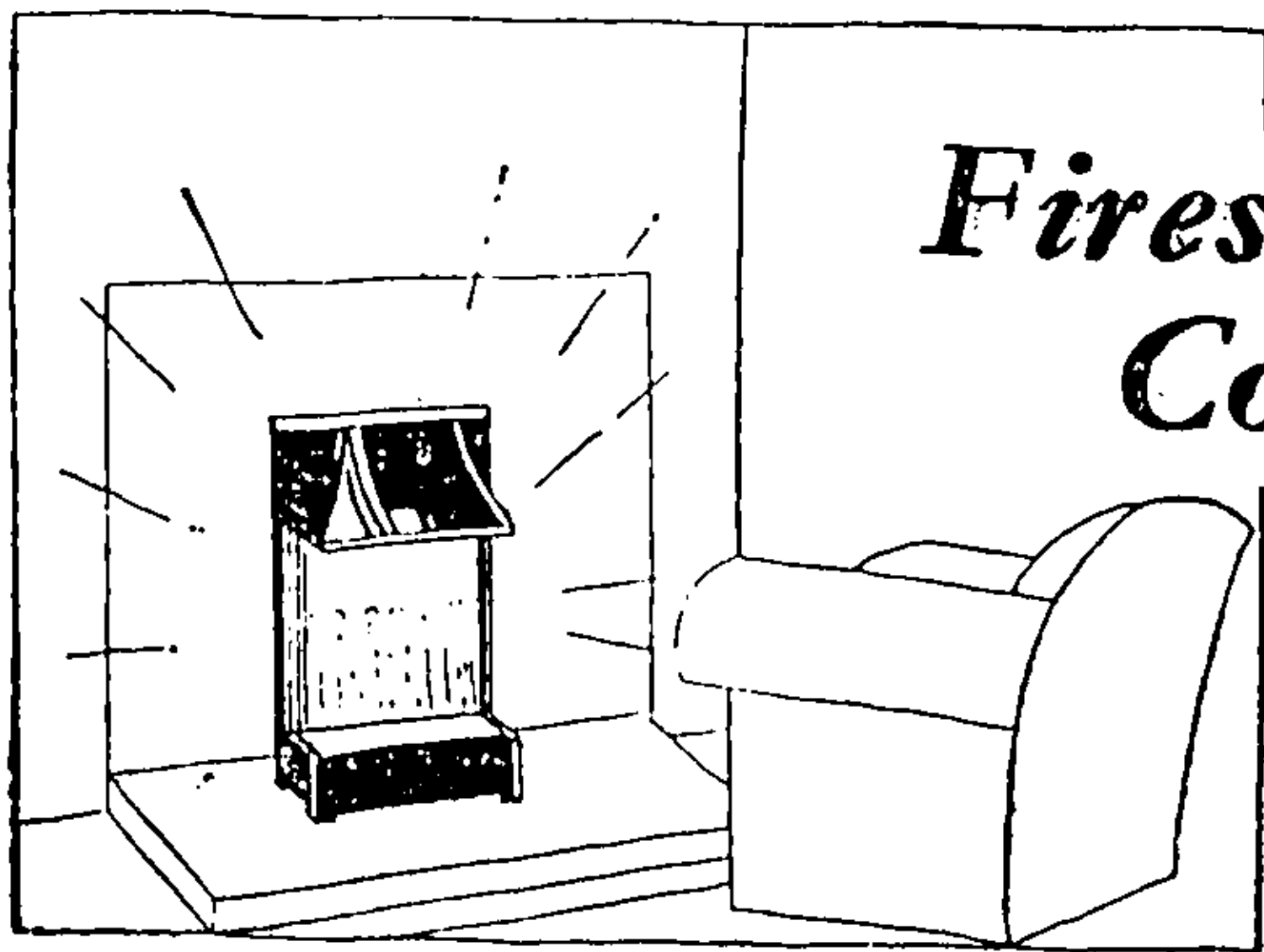
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### INNER STORY OF DESERT BLITZ

# HIGHLANDERS SCATTER THE ITALIANS

**WOUNDED BRITONS COMING BACK FROM THE DESERT TELL A VIVID STORY OF A HIGHLAND REGIMENT'S BAYONET CHARGE AT NIBEWA. WHEN NIBEWA, A FORTIFIED OASIS 15 MILES SOUTH OF SIDI BARRANI, FELL, THE WAY WAS OPEN TO THE COAST.**

A detachment from an armoured division formed the spearhead of the British frontal attack. On the flanks were Indian infantry and motorised cavalry.

The Highlanders, yelling excitedly, swept cross the desert sand.

"Only one in 10 of the Italians and Libyans stayed to meet that wild charge," a wounded Highlander said.

None of the 30 Italian tanks in the camp got into action.

Once captured, the Italians made sure they stayed captured. A Cypriot was the only guard for 30 Italian officers and men.

His lorry was the last of a convoy bringing prisoners back to Mersa Matruh. It got lost in a sandstorm.

### Italians Showed The Way

The Italian officers immediately produced maps and helped to navigate the lorry for 12 hours until it reached Mersa Matruh.

A soldier of a Midlands regiment told how an Italian machine-gun post ceased firing as our men came on.

"The Italians smiled and waved their hands as a token of surrender, but when we closed in two machine-gun posts nearby opened fire," he said.

The British forces did not know they were going into action until General Wavell's order-of-the-day was read to them immediately before they attacked.

"We didn't care, we were so excited. We didn't notice hunger, thirst, and fatigue," said one of them.

"In the early stages the Italian artillery was extremely accurate, but this resistance crumbled when we got to close quarters."

A remarkable incident occurred when a train crowded with Italian prisoners from the Western Desert passed British bombers taking off to attack Italian aerodromes. The prisoners cheered wildly.

At one isolated point in the desert hundreds of Italians waited for transport to take them away.

British airmen reported a column of Italians waiting patiently for capture rather than endure the ordeal of retreating along the road over which they advanced into Egypt three months ago.

### Inner Story in Letters

"In the strongly-barricaded camp at Nibewa, which was the first to fall to the British in the rush to Sidi Barrani, I found letters written by Italians now dead or prisoners," says the "Daily Express" correspondent at Sidi Barrani.

"These tell the inner story of Italian fears and of squabbles among Italian officers.

"Behind the stone walls are about 50 light tanks, Breda 18-pounders, and anti-aircraft guns.

"There are 350 motor vehicles here.

"They range from 10-ton Lancia lorries to tiny Toppolini and Fiat touring cars.

"In a steady stream these guns and lorries, driven by prisoners, are passing out of the fort towards the British back-area positions.

### Fought Bravely

"From Nibewa, guided by Italian sign-posts, I moved west to the forts at Tummar, an hour's drive away.

"These forts were even stronger than Nibewa, although they fell just as quickly.

"As far as I could see, captured cars, lorries, tanks, and guns were dotted across the desert.

"Between Tummar forts and Sidi Barrani was the most extraor-

inary sight of all—ammunition dumps, spaced 100 yards apart, and stretching in a maze for over a mile along each side of the track.

"A British major told me: 'The Italians fought bravely. Our tanks were under continuous fire from Breda guns and some of them got knocked about.'

"Our worst losses were in Scottish non-commissioned officers."

### Lived in Luxury

"Far out here, at their front, the Italians lived on a scale of luxury that eclipses anything seen in the desert before, even in peacetime.

"There are great stacks of Chianti, both red and white, mineral water in bottles and barrels, bottled cherries, mangoes, and pineapples, thousands of tins of spaghetti, small loaves freshly baked, cases of chocolate, tinned fish, sweetmeats, coffee, jam, and cigarettes and tobacco, both Italian and English.

"In scores of dugouts everything remained as it was on that terrible morning when the British struck.

"There had been no time to rescue anything.

"Breakfast things stood on every dugout table.

"They were things that made Tommies' eyes goggle: silver pepper-and-salt stands, china breakfast services, little nickel coffee percolators.

"Gadgets like bedside lights, boot-racks, folding camp desks, watercoolers, and liqueur glasses were supplied in thousands.

"The officers even had with them their ceremonial shoulder belts, encrusted with gold lace, and decked out with silver chains."

### Tank Support

The London "Daily Telegraph's" special correspondent at Sidi Barrani says that one brigade, with the support of tanks, bore the brunt of the attack on Sidi Barrani.

A unit of a famous South Country regiment held a stretch of high ground on the left wing. Highlanders held the centre. Midlanders took the right flank.

A squadron of the most modern tanks aided the left wing, and smashed its way through the Italian lines.

This enabled the infantry to storm and occupy their objectives.

## TORPEDO WITH SEAT

**A torpedo used in the attempt by Italian officers to hit ships in harbour at Gibraltar is described as self-maneuvred, with a seat and something which looked like a steering wheel.**

This description was applied by people who, while travelling to Gibraltar from La Linea, the Spanish frontier town, saw the unexploded torpedo on the beach at La Linea.

The Spanish military authorities, including the Governor of Algeciras, inspected the area, which was promptly cordoned off. No one was allowed to approach until the afternoon, when the torpedo was removed to Algeciras.

## THAT MAN WINSTON AGAIN

Berlin radio alleged that British bombers had, "under Mr. Churchill's personal order, badly damaged the historic castle at Kiel."

A great part of the library, including unique documents of the history of the Holstein province, had been destroyed.—Associated Press.

## PANTIES PILOT'S MASCOT

By A Special Correspondent

**Mascot of a British plane which bombs Berlin twice or thrice a week is a pair of blue satin cami-knickers. They hang on the aerial.**

They were given to the pilot-officer in charge by his beautiful girl friend, Dorothy Neal, seventeen, now beginning a stage career at Bristol Hippodrome.

Dorothy, known as England's Youngest Pocket Venus, met her pilot-officer when she was working in Lincolnshire.

"His friends all call him Dim," she told a reporter, "probably because he is so brainy.

"He was a schoolmaster in pre-war days. His flight-sergeant is called Doughy.

### She Prays for Him

"Dim begged me to give him the cami-knickers as a mascot because the other boys in his squadron had had brassieres and stockings given them as mascots by their girl friends.

"I am glad to feel they have brought him back safely every time, though I believe they have had a bullet through them.

"I was very proud when he was decorated for his work about two months ago. Dim has given me a brand new shilling on which he has scratched his name with an R.A.F. brooch, which he gave me. "Every night about 9.15 when I am standing in the wings of the theatre, waiting to go on and sing 'personality' songs, I take it out and look at it.

"I wonder if he is over Germany and just before I step into the glare of the footlights I pray for the moment that he is all right.

"About the same time he takes out my picture and looks at it, feeling it will bring luck.

"Dim is very anxious I should make a success of my stage career."



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## THE ITALIAN DEFEAT

It is too soon to predict what effect the fall of Bardia and the more or less general collapse of General Graziani's army will have on Italian politics, but that it must have resounding effect throughout the Moslem world goes without saying. Egypt must be feeling a deep sense of relief and joy in that the country is now safe from the possibility of Italian invasion. Relief must be felt in Syria and in Turkey and the Greeks fighting a marvellously gallant battle in the terrific cold of the Albanian mountains, must be cheered beyond measure to know that the Army of Italy, which set out only a comparatively short time ago to "persuade" the Greek Government "to listen to reason and bow to Italian rule," has been completely routed. It has hardly taken one month to turn General Graziani's African campaign into a devastating defeat.

The Italian propagandist, Signor Ansaldo, editor of Count Ciano's newspaper "Telegrafo," has had a difficult task preparing the Italian public for the news of the fall of Bardia, which he must now supplement by giving the news direct. But it is not altogether the effect of this bad news on the Italian people which matters at this stage—it is the effect on the Axis partners generally. The collapse of Italian resistance in the Mediterranean will allow the Navy to relinquish some of its stronger units elsewhere—a prospect which the Axis cannot visualise with any equanimity.

Hitler has been hesitating for some weeks as to the course he should pursue. He cannot afford to hesitate much longer. Italy's defeat in Africa appears to be too complete for much further resistance there while the Italian army in Albania is being pushed slowly but steadily back. What will Hitler do next? Take over the Italian Army as he has the Air Force, place Mussolini in still greater bondage than at present and seize what remains of the Italian Fleet? It would seem that he has not overmuch choice in the matter. General Blomberg's own prophecy in which he warned Germany from taking the Italians as allies is coming true. The General is now in a concentration camp for his temerity, but Hitler and his immediate advisers must remember his warn-

When the war began the whole British Empire took up arms to overthrow Hitler and Hitlerism. Hitler we all know, or think we know—a giant in cunning and political depravity with a brain diseased, the embodiment of a ruthless idea, imposed and maintained by force. Hitlerism is the epitome of what soever is false, brutish, arrogant and aggressive in political theory and action.

I do not forget the massive virtue—not virtue, but hard, unyielding determination—which has enabled Hitlerism to become so deadly a menace to mankind. By gross, deliberate misuse this, too, has been transformed into a vice.

### America Aroused

It is no longer Hitlerism, however, that we are fighting; it is the threat of world-Hitlerism, the many faceted evil thing which the Dictators of the Axis and their satellites call the New Order. This black shape already casts its shadow upon the world's most distant places.

Mr. Cordell Hull's recent speech at Washington will have brought home to many on this side of the Atlantic, as on his, a vivid realisation of this truth. President Roosevelt's Secretary of State spoke as if he had just been smitten by the blinding light of a sudden revelation.

"We are in the presence," he declared, "not of local or regional wars but of an organised and determined movement for steadily expanding conquest."

Those taking part in this movement call themselves the "Have-Nots," who are short of room to live and expand, who demand the colonies which belong to other nations by right of discovery, development and conquest, and are resolved to take by force what they cannot gain by cajolery or fraud.

"They are on the march," said Mr. Cordell Hull, "with great armies, air fleets and navies. They physically disregard every right of a neutral nation. They threaten peaceful nations with the direst consequences if they do not remain acquiescent while the conquerors are seizing other continents and most of the seven seas of the earth."

### Slave Nations

Nor are all these brutal violence "mere excesses of the ex-

# We Are All in the Same Boat

I have been looking through some old volumes of "Punch." Mine must be one of many thousands of families who have these volumes, stretching back in a long line to the eighteenth forties and the drawings of Leech, going through du Maurier's Victorian age and the cartoons of Tenniel, and galloping through the twentieth century with a perpetual jangle of jester's bells.

Often those bells, in my opinion, have sounded a false note, but on the whole they ring a pretty true tune of the nation's mood.

Particularly in time of war. As I closed the volumes dealing with the last war I said to myself: "Well, thank heavens we've said good-bye to all that! We may be as slow as ever, as muddled as ever—though, it would, strangely question it—but we're infinitely superior in other ways. We've stripped ourselves of a great deal of odious sentimentality. We've thrown overboard a load of cant. For example, do you remember that song that was drilled into our ears in 1916 and 1917, 'We don't want to lose you, but we think you ought to go'?"

A song to make you shudder if ever there was one!

The social chaos it implied! The inequality, the injustice!

That song was sung to embarrased soldiers in plain clothes, to equally embarrassed soldiers in uniform, to smirking shipbuilders and to blushing consumptives who looked hale and hearty enough outside, but were actually on the danger list!

Conscription, which is a much more democratic word than Communism, has put an end to all that.

And do you remember the war profiteers?

ing when they visualise to-day the overwhelming responsibilities facing them.

agencies of war to be abandoned voluntarily when the fighting ceases," leaving the terrorised neutral or the trampled victim free once more to pursue his own course, albeit in the shadow of the conqueror's might. No, the violence is to go on. It is not for Herrenvolk to spare the conquered. They are to continue to stamp on the faces of their victims:

"By deed, by utterance, the would-be conquerors have made abundantly clear that they are engaged in a relentless attempt to transform the civilised world,

By J. B. FIRTH

as we have known it, into two worlds in which mankind will be reduced again to the degradation of a master and slave relationship among nations and individuals maintained by brute force."

That is the New Order which is to be established in Europe, Asia and Africa and later, if and when opportunity offers, in the Americas.

Two points, therefore, stand out clear. The Axis Dictators are bent upon world domination. The post-conquest status assigned to the conquered is permanent subjection.

"Local and regional wars" have been the commonplace of European history since the collapse of the Roman Peace. Martial kings and martial States have been in perpetual conflict with their neighbours in order to gain some coveted province or make their frontiers more secure. Territorial acquisition often reinforced by economic jealousy has been the ruling motive of dynastic and national ambition. Sometimes the spoils have been consolidated by the victors; sometimes they have been recovered by the temporarily dispossessed.

Certain districts like Alsace, Transylvania, Savoy, not to speak of islands possessed of good harbours, have swung from side to side with the centuries and been tossed over the conference table from crown to crown. Hardly a country in Europe has retained its boundaries unchanged through the lifetime of its oldest inhabitant; new States have been

pieced together out of the disjecta membra of kingdoms in collapse. We have accepted such wars as the historic instruments for the adjustment of national boundaries to correspond with the nutritions of national strength.

### Bismarck Outdone

The phenomenon we face to-day is of a totally different kind — "an organised movement for expanding conquest." It is something new in degree if not in kind.

It could not fairly be charged even against Bismarck, the man of Blood and Iron, that he organised his new Germany for "steadily expanding conquest." He snatched the Duchies from Denmark and Alsace-Lorraine from France, but Austria he spared, and that not merely because he knew he would want her benevolent neutrality when he came to settle with France. Uncompromising Prussian though he was, it did not enter his mind to keep Denmark, Norway, Belgium, Holland and France in permanent subjection to Germany. He was content if his new Germany was organised so as to be more ready for war than her neighbours, and always on the alert to squeeze concessions out of other nations by rattling the sabre. But he had no plans or time-tables of continuous conquest.

Hitler's most respectable pretext for aggression was that he only sought to restore to the Reich bodies of German origin which were aching to return to the Fatherland. He gave repeated assurances that when he had recovered Austria and the German districts of the Sudetenland he would be fully satisfied, for he did not want large intractable foreign elements to act as irritants within the Reich. Enough is it to say that he lied at each success, and that his territorial horizons are now as boundless as were Napoleon's.

### Imminent Peril

He denies it, of course, as Napoleon denied it. He has bungled an entry into one neutral country after another on Napoleon's pretext of "protecting" them from British aggression. He professes a passion for justice and a yearn-

ing for peace. So did Napoleon. It has taken a long time to rouse the United States, but they are roused at last, for they now see as something almost imminent a peril which had been decided as remote and imaginary. After France, Great Britain. After Great Britain the Americas. Here indeed is "expanding conquest."

In view of the size, the remoteness, the wealth, the man power, the sea power and the machine power of the United States the Hitlerite programme naturally seemed fantastic to Americans till the efficacy of Hitler's recipe for destroying the morale and sapping the strength of the next victim—namely, treachery and Fifth Column activity—was suddenly revealed by the collapse of one small neutral after another and then by the appalling collapse of France.

The heart of France stopped, because the soul of France had rotted. The secret poisoners had spread the virus of defeatism. Corruption in high places and in low; the Army riddled with political intrigue; the Air Force neglected and let down, and Hitler's agents everywhere at work.

Napoleon once said at St. Helena that if his Army of Invasion has got to London the canaille would have welcomed him. Not so. They would rather have seen him torn to pieces; his sentimental admirers were found in the superior classes. Hitler has made much the same mistake. But how should this foul fellow know the British mind?

### Stupendous Gamble

He has plunged into a stupendous gamble. No such massive scheme of world conquest was ever launched before. No partners in aggression ever planned to share so rich a booty. Whole provinces of France and the French Colonial Empire, the British Colonial Empire, even if the Dominions are graciously spared, as beyond German or Italian digestion; British possessions in Africa, in the Near East, in the Middle East, in the Far East, and in the Pacific; sugar islands; rubber islands; some of the world's best harbours and strategic key points; colonies in good going order, with docks, railways and with native populations which have learnt the ways of peace and order, yet, according to Nazi and Fascist propagandists, will leap with joy to change their British servitude for German, Italian and even Japanese freedoms.

Japan is to be allowed to hold the gorgeous Far East in fee, and perhaps—unless Fate, in the formidable shape of the American Navy, forbids—build up a mighty military Empire which shall take charge of the Philippines, the Netherlands Indies and show the flag of the Rising Sun in Australasian waters.

These dreams of diseased militarists in a madhouse do not terrify me; they are bound to break on the rocklike resolution of free peoples if only the free peoples have nerved themselves to meet the shock.

### Debts Of Vengeance

We get more and more ready day by day: the United States, shielded by their superb Navy in the Pacific and by the British Navy in the Atlantic, will set to work in earnest now that they have settled the momentous question: whether they wanted their great President to have a third term of office or not. And now, in due time, the grand offensive and the crash of fallen idols and bastard Dictatorships.

For the choice, as Mr. Cordell Hull truly said, is between Freedom and Servitude. We know what freedom is; we can only judge by the appalling fate which has overtaken Poland and Czechoslovakia what it means to live in terror of the Gestapo, the last ward—Hitler's word—in the instruments of tyranny which since history began tyrants have laboured to devise.

There is no need to look beyond the Gestapo to form one's judgment of Nazism; of Fascism or of Phalangism—if that obscure and minor variant is worth a mention. Without the Gestapo they could not survive a month. When their military strength is broken in the field the Gestapo will not survive a day, and many a debt of vengeance, I trust, will be repaid with interest as the tortured peoples awaken to find themselves free once more.

The master and slave relationship among nations and individuals is not for the 20th century. The New Order is only a foul and scientific resurrection of the worst Old Order of the past.

but can they honestly claim that it has been so up to now, even if they are standing among the shattered houses of the East End?

Between 600,000 and 700,000 young men were killed in the last war in four years. That is between 400 and 500 a day for four years. The mind is horror-struck by these figures.

Those figures are significant. Do not let us forget them.

Finally, and in my opinion most important, for it is proof of a tremendous change for the better in our social mentality, there has been no resuscitation of that hateful phrase "temporary gentleman."

Such a phrase, in these cleaner, better days, is inconceivable. It is an old bugbear of mine, but I have always thought that Britain lost both her native kindness and her native humour when that intolerable expression was admitted into the current of her common talk.

To sneer at a hero—for it was a sneer—because he wasn't so smart with a fork as with a bayonet, to hold him up to ridicule because his feet weren't so agile on the dance floor as on the battlefield—it was unforgivable.

The fact that this phrase is dead—together with the spirit that created it—is a proof of an immense advance in our conception of social values.

It isn't only that an able-bodied seaman can now lunch at the Ritz next door to an admiral—provided he can pay the bill.

It isn't only that we've all been jumbled up with the most improbable people—sleeping in shelters with aged and unknown scavengers (that was my neighbour recently) nestling affectionately up to us—it's rather the fact that at long last we feel ourselves in the same boat.

Really in the same boat. And an open boat on a stormy sea, which is a much better place to make friends than a luxury liner.

By Beverley Nichols

its bloated profiteers. Well, the Excess Profits Duty has put an end to that.

If you drew a picture of a profiteer to-day you would have to draw him from imagination. The animal is extinct.

And then, do you remember the munition workers with their grand pianos? The comic papers are full of them.

Those jokes always struck me as unfortunate. I never saw why a grand piano should be so comic an object just because it was in the house of a worker. Anyway, that little source of merriment has dried up.

Now that all workers are in the front line—indeed, the average munition worker is in a very much more dangerous situation than the average soldiers in camp—nobody is going to quarrel if they earn enough wages to buy a few luxuries.

Where they'll find the luxuries to buy is another question, for the whole country is stripped down to a fighting standard of living.

Again, do you remember—or perhaps I never struck you—the appalling slaughter of youth, by the tens of thousands, that is reflected in the cartoons?

People say that this war may be so much worse than the last.



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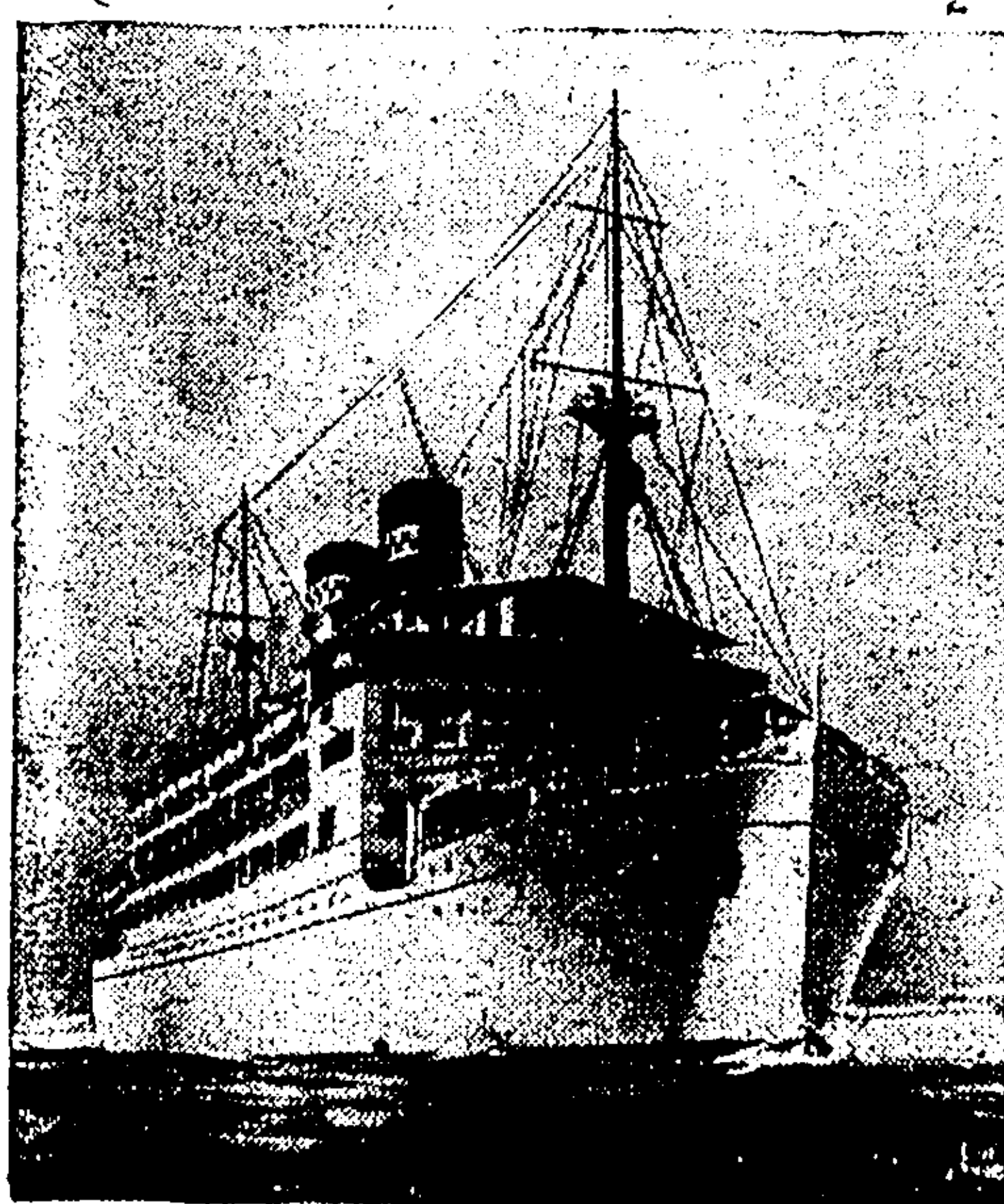
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# EAGLE AIRMEN EXPECT A LOT MORE

(From A Special Correspondent Somewhere  
In England)

IT IS ALLEGED THAT the first thing that you  
notice in these parts is an old Roman grave. Its  
occupant is the only one of the local citizenry who  
appears to be getting much sleep.

Even in his case there is some room for doubt,  
for his grave is on the edge of an aerodrome where  
American pilots are training for the war, and it is  
one of the noisiest places in England.

Americans at home  
were surprised to learn a  
few days ago there are 30  
young men from the  
United States in this re-  
gion now.

Two are from Chicago, three  
from New York, one from Wis-  
consin and a large delegation from  
the Western States, with emphasis  
on California.

They have been over for more  
than a month in the uniform of  
the R.A.F., training to fight as a  
group of uncamouflaged Ameri-  
cans. During the week-end the  
Air Ministry thought they had  
progressed sufficiently to warrant  
inspection by inquisitive reporters  
and photographers.

So it comes about that a lot of  
these lads cease to be nebulous  
figures in powder-blue uniforms  
with the spread-eagle insignia  
on their shoulders and take on  
character as the sort you used  
to see around airports in Des  
Moines, Los Angeles, Boston and  
Tombstone, Arizona.

The bombs had been dropping  
somewhat freely in the first part  
of the night when the Press con-  
tingent arrived here, but it was  
interesting to note that the boys in  
the Officers' Club were already  
used to that sort of thing.

"And that's way it was," you  
hear one voice say, "I ran a hot-  
dog stand at the airport in Pas-  
adena and spent the profits on in-  
struction. I am what you might call  
a ham-and-egg flier."

## Crop-Dusting

From another corner came an-  
other nostalgic fragment: "I did a  
little crop-dusting out in Califor-  
nia. In those days we were kill-  
ing Japanese beetles or something.  
I never did get the straight of it."

"We got lots of experience doing  
that sort of thing but of course  
we did not need to do it in for-  
mation. And we did not have  
machine-guns and cannons, only  
high-pressure fly-swatters."

A third said, "There'll be a lot  
more of us over here before this  
is finished." And a fourth de-  
clared, "We are not soldiers of  
fortune. We are a lot of home  
boys trying to make good in a  
big time. We are all flyers, and  
right here is where the flying  
is."

It may be several weeks before  
these enthusiastic youngsters get  
into Spitfires or fly over Germany.  
Days are spent in formation flying  
and technical study, with more  
time in classrooms than in the  
air. The course stiff and the re-  
laxations few.

## All Have Ability

"But the lads are taking it well,"  
the commanding officer of the  
camp said. "They are not finished  
flyers yet, but they will be. They  
all have ability, two or three a re-  
markable lot of it. And they have  
one thing that makes good aviators,  
an intense interest in what  
they are doing."

These youngsters represent all  
conditions of life and occupation.  
Young John Ayre was in lumber  
business in Milwaukee and a re-  
serve officer in United States  
Army. Victor Bono was transport  
flyer in San Francisco. Edwin Or-  
bison was student at a Sacramento  
State College. Ira Sullivan was a  
crop-dusting flyer and stunt-pilot  
in Texas.

Squadron Leader W. E. G. Tay-  
lor, in active command of the  
Eagle Squadron, was in the United  
States Navy Air Service, and later  
a pilot between New York and  
Chicago, and more recently was  
commissioned in the Fleet Air Arm  
in England.

## RAMMED 'PLANE, THEN 'LEFT HURRIEDLY'

"And so I left hurried-  
ly". This was the laconic  
comment of a young  
R.A.F. pilot officer after  
his Hurricane fighter had  
rammed a Dornier bomb-  
er.

Here is the story of what hap-  
pened before he "left hurriedly."

The pilot officer was flying with  
his squadron at 19,000ft. when they  
saw a formation of Dorniers ac-  
companied by fighters.

"We went in to attack the bomb-  
ers and did several quite good at-  
tacks," he said later.

"Finally all my ammunition was  
gone, but I had the satisfaction of  
seeing one Dornier I aimed at ex-  
ploding in the air and saw another  
go spinning down with part of its  
wing off."

"My aircraft then rammed one  
of the enemy bombers amidship.  
One of its wings was torn off.  
My aircraft was wrenched clear  
of the enemy aircraft, which was  
now minus its port wing and  
most of its engine."

"My cockpit was filled with  
glycol fumes and the machine was  
falling out of control in an inverted  
spin, so I left hurriedly."

## SURGEON DETAINED

Sir Ernest Graham-Little, M. P.  
for London University, asked the  
Home Secretary in the House of  
Commons whether he was aware  
that a member of the Emergency  
Medical Service, a Fellow of the  
Royal College of Surgeons, had  
without any warning or reason  
given been put under arrest in  
Brixton Prison and on what

## HIS GUN BEAT 14 'PLANES

A sergeant in a famous  
Hussar regiment, patroll-  
ing in an armoured car in  
the Western Desert—

\* Fought a lone battle with  
fourteen Italian fighter planes;  
Shot one of them down; and  
Drove off the remainder.

The sergeant was on the bor-  
ders of the Libyan Desert when  
two Italian fighters appeared and,  
diving low, machine-gunned him.

The sergeant grabbed the at-  
toured car's Bren gun and re-  
turned the fire.

## Bullets in Head

Twelve more Italian planes  
appeared, firing their machine-  
guns and dropping bombs, one  
of which fell thirty yards away  
from the car, tearing off the base  
sump and bringing the vehicle to  
a standstill.

The sergeant continued to blaze  
away with his gun, and was re-  
warded by the sight of one Italian  
machine of the Breda type crash-  
ing to the ground. The other ma-  
chines eventually made off.

Investigation showed that the  
pilot of the crashed plane had two  
bullets through his head.—Reuter.

## "BRAVEST MAN" KILLED

See, Lieut. F. R. Martin, of the  
Royal Engineers, whom Earl Stan-  
hope described as "the bravest man  
I have ever met," has been killed  
in action.

"I have never known a man who  
had less regard for his personal  
safety," Earl Stanhope told a re-  
porter. "He never seemed to lose  
his nerve."

Lieut. Martin was the only son  
of Mr. and Mrs. F. Martin, of  
Haywards Heath. He married  
last year Miss Kathleen Barbara  
Hawkes, of Cuckfield, Sussex. He  
was the Sussex county hockey  
goalkeeper.

grounds this action was taken.

Mr. Herbert Morrison replied  
that this man was detained under  
Defence Regulation 18B as having  
been concerned in conduct de-  
trimental to public safety. The  
advisory committee would hear his  
case as soon as practicable.



Gary Cooper and Madeleine Carroll in a scene from Cecil B. DeMille's "North West Mounted Police," now at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.



# PLEASURE SHIP KEEPS VIGIL IN THE CHANNEL

(From A Special Correspondent)

THOUGH GREY WAR PAINT now covers her peace-time white and gold, it cannot disguise the lines of an excursion steamer familiar to tens of thousands of holiday-makers.

She is H.M.S. Anonymous now, and she shares with many other craft a ceaseless day and night patrol around the coasts of Britain. Pom-pom guns and a searchlight complete her transformation from pleasure steamer to man-o'-war.

Her task is to watch for any signs of enemy movement and to report the passage of air raiders on their way coastwards.

I spent a night aboard the Anonymous, anchored out of sight of land, farthest outpost off this part of the coast.

Thanks largely to our vessel and her nameless sister ships, convoys pass safely almost every day. If any aircraft comes within range our guns and searchlight are ready. Until then the ship is silent in a black out so complete that no man may even smoke a cigarette on deck.

## Unseen Watchers

Our role is to watch unseen. This night there is a stir of anticipation on board. Over the ship's radio a report has been received from R.A.F. reconnaissance aircraft that there is "activity" off the enemy coast. German vessels are on the move.

Perhaps they are only "prowlers." Perhaps they are transports hugging their own coast. But there is a possibility that they are headed this way. The thought gives an added keenness to the watch. But though no surface craft is sighted the whole night through, we had not long to wait for activity in the air.

"Target" shouts the look-out man, and a couple of seconds later the officer of the watch calls out the raider's position to the captain. At intervals the officer reports its bearings and distance.

The plane is crossing our bows from port to starboard, too distant but coming nearer. As a certain bearing and height are called the captain gives an order for one of the starboard guns to be ready to fire. Two steel-helmeted figures step quietly forward from the shadows below the bridge. The bomber is almost within range.

A tense thirty seconds pass. Then the officer of the watch gives a new position, with a shade of disappointment in his voice. "Stand easy," the captain calls in almost conversational tones, to the gun crew below. The plane has passed out of range.

Suddenly the midnight silence is torn by the ringing of electric bells throughout the ship. Action stations. Sleeping men spring to their feet, seize life jackets and helmets and race for the companion way, agile shadows scamper along the dark decks.

In a few seconds without an order being given every man has reached his station. Every gun is manned and ready. The raider has at last come within range. Bearings are called and a blinding beam leaps from our searchlight.

One of the pom-poms opens a rattle of fire. Our target has been identified as a bomber making seaward, returning probably from a raid on London. Strained seconds pass as the gun shudders and the searchlight prods the sky. But in less than a minute the chance of securing a hit has gone. Jerry is lucky this time.

## Night Raiders

So the night passes. Targets are heard and they fly onward out of range. But all are reported to the guns on shore, each report diminishing the raiders' chances of reaching his objective unhindered. From the distant shore come continual flashes of anti-aircraft gunfire showing that "targets"

# GIRLS DEFY RAIDS TO HELP OTHERS

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Two house-proud girls, one a bride of five weeks, are doing their bit to beat the German raiders who bombed them out by waiting on shelterers.

I sat in the cafe under their wrecked homes as Mrs. Mary Brian and Miss Kathleen Conlon, of south-east London worked through the blitz.

Mary's husband was due home for his first long leave just before her flat was hit. Kathleen is courting a soldier.

Both have sworn to defeat the horrors and discomforts Hitler tries to inflict on helpless people.

Once, above our heads, there was a swishing sound and a crash. The ceiling shook.

Mary looked up from the tea she was brewing. "A bit more of my flat has fallen," she shrugged. In the first two hours of the night's "Alert," the two girls served scores of cups of tea and hot snacks.

## Slept on Floor

During a lull, a frail woman came in and asked for a sausage and chips. Suddenly, the guns cracked overhead.

The woman, white-faced, darted for the door, hesitated. "Don't worry. I'll bring it over to you when it's cooked," said Kathleen. The woman hurried for the shelter.

When, just before midnight the girls were too tired to work on, they reluctantly shut up shop, curled themselves in blankets loaned them by A. R. P. wardens and slept on the floor.

They had to snatch a few hours sleep. They had to be at work in a big city restaurant before dawn. "This is our way of fighting Hitler," Mary told me.

"My hubby is going to take more risks than I am. He is going into a bomb-disposal squad."

"When my home was shattered—I didn't save a thing out of everything we had got together, and it was so sweet—I decided with Kath to do what we could to help others."

which pass too high for us are being tackled elsewhere.

Those who man this outpost of Britain's defences come from many walks of life. All the officers are reservists or volunteer reservists. One of them, a former merchant service officer, was stage-managing a West End play when war broke out. Another, a young man, who had spent all his spare time sailing, was accounting to a hotel in Portsmouth.

# TAXI BOMBING MYSTERY

This is the Mystery of the Taxi Cab, found abandoned after a night raid on London, covered in debris dust from a bombed house, with the flag down in the engaged position, 65s. 6d showing on the meter . . . and no driver.

In the beige dust with which the cab had been blanketed when a heavy bomb smushed the building beside it, a finger had traced the words, "I was there," twice.

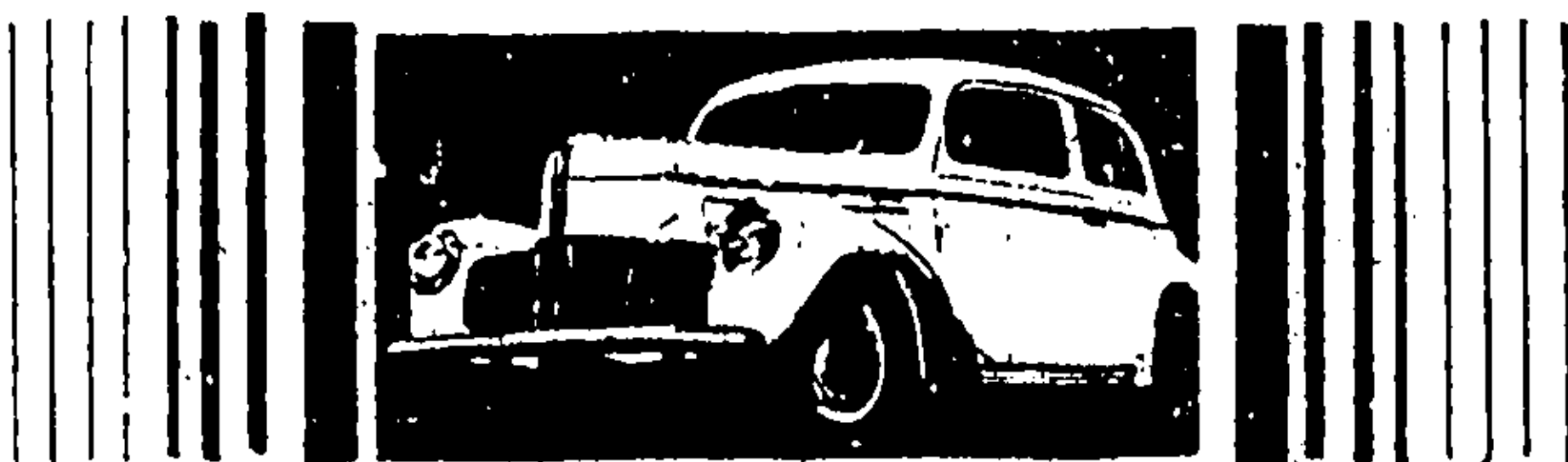
Twenty hours after the bombing the driver had not claimed his cab. It was shrapnel-riddled, but the engine was in working order. The ignition key was missing.

The cab was parked in the forecourt of an imposing mansion from the ruins of which dust was still rising when I arrived there at midday, wrote a correspondent.

"The meter has ticked up 65s 6d and the petrol tank is dry," a policeman said. "It must have been there a long time to tick up over £3 before the juice ran out. The driver must have been caught by the blast after he left the cab to seek shelter."

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C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 6th January, 1941.

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and  
In the Matter of:  
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LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,

Chartered Accountants,

Special Managers for the Liquidators.

Hong Kong, 9th Jan., 1941.

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# BRIDGE NOTES

## BRIDGE SWINDLES — NO. 21

### By The Four Aces

South didn't expect his swindle to work, but it cost nothing to try:

South, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable  
K Q 9 3  
7 5 4 2  
10 6  
9 6 4  
J 7 4  
K 8 3  
K Q  
K Q J 8 6  
N  
W  
E  
S  
A 5  
A J 10 9 6  
A 8 7 6 2  
2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	2♣	2♥	3♣
4♥	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West opened the King of clubs, holding the trick. After some thought, he shifted to the King of diamonds; and was allowed to hold that trick too. He then went back to the clubs, South ruffing.

Declarer had to find some way to get the trumps out but still ruff two diamonds in the dummy. The first step was to cash the spade Ace, lead to the spade Queen, and return a low trump from the dummy. The appearance of East's Queen was a welcome surprise to South, who had feared to find both honours in the West hand.

He took his trump Ace without showing his surprise, however, for that would have been fatal. The next step was to lead the ten of hearts. The idea, of course, was to coax West to duck in the hope that East could win the trick with the Jack. And West very unwisely decided to play his low trump.

The rest was easy. South cashed the Ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond in dummy. A diamond went off on dummy's spade King, and South ruffed a club in his own hand, followed by a diamond ruff in the dummy. West could make only his King of trumps. But note that if West had put up his King on the second trump lead, South would have been defeated. To draw the last trump would allow dummy to ruff only one diamond; and to ruff the trump in the West hand would allow that player to ruff the third round of diamonds.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable and a 60-point part-score for the opponents, you held:

9 7 5  
K 10 9 7 4  
Q 6  
J 10 8

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Maler	You
1♠	Dbl.	2♠	(?)

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. Your partner's double urges you to bid your best suit; and, although you are a little weak to venture out at the level of three, you cannot afford to pass and let the opponents score game cheaply.

Score: 100% for three hearts, 40% for pass.

### Question No. 611

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable and a 60-point part-score for your side, you hold:

5 2  
8 3  
A K J 8 6  
K 7 4 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	Maler	You
Pass	Pass	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

# WOMAN HELD TWO NAZIS

When a Junkers 88 bomber was shot down at Stuntney, near Ely, Cambridgeshire, two Germans, aged about eighteen to twenty, threw away their revolvers and gave themselves up to a woman, who was the first on the scene.

The two other members of the crew, who had baled out, were captured in Soham Fen and taken to Newmarket.

The Nazi pilot crashed at Mr. Owen Ambrose's farm at Quene Fen. "The plane touched down in a ploughed field, jumped a dyke, and came to rest in a beet field," Mr. Ambrose said.

"The first person on the scene was Mrs. Ashman, who lives at the farm. As she approached, the two men emptied their revolvers and threw them away. Other men from the farm came up and the Germans were driven away in a lorry."

## WAR AIM TALK USELESS

We are still fighting for our life, and it is idle to talk about any further aims so long as the one remains unfulfilled," declared the Bishop of Oxford, Dr. T. E. Kirk, at the diocesan conference.

"Danger exists at this time," he said, "because of the revival of the demand that we should define our war aims. Early last autumn there was a good deal of academic discussion of this question and we did not realise then how very near we were to come during the next few months to abject and utter defeat."

"What I fear is that a revival of this war aims discussion simply means that complacency and self-confidence are insinuating themselves into our minds once more."

## 'MURDERED MOTHER' CHARGE

James Miller, forty-five, an A.R.P. worker, of Durant Street, Bethnal Green, was remanded, in custody at Old Street charged with murdering his mother, Ann Elizabeth Miller.

A detective-inspector said he told Miller, "I understand you have given yourself up at this station?"

After being cautioned said the officer, Miller replied: "I did it to save her being dragged around to the shelters. She was suffering."

When charged he said, "Yes."

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By ED REED



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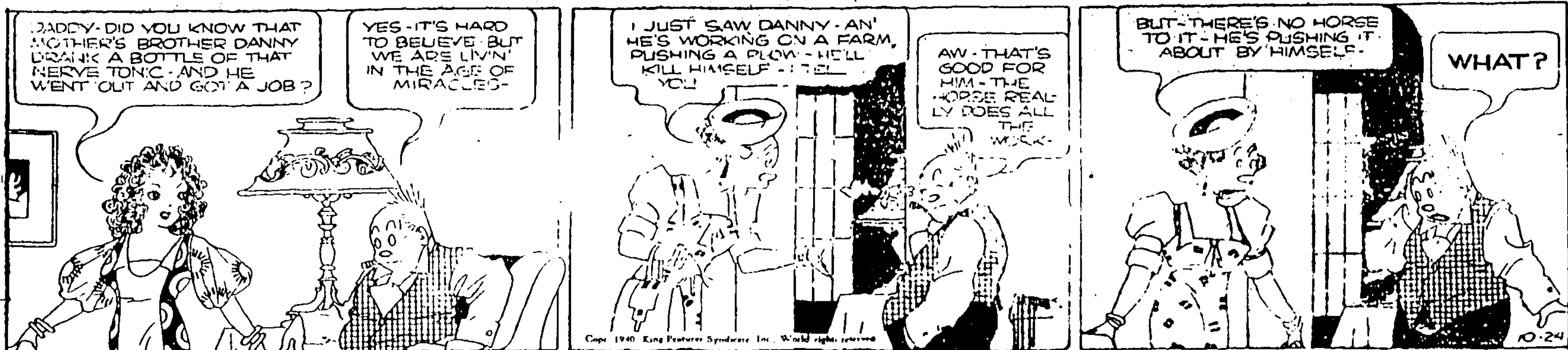






Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



# H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

Orders by Colonel H. B. Roac, M.C., Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

HONG KONG.

Friday, 10th January, 1941.

## PARADES

### (a) CORPS ARTILLERY

i. Classification. The undermentioned members of 4th Battery qualified as S.L.O. 3rd Class:

Lt. Bdr. E. Ali, Gnr. C. K. Tsang, Gnr. Chung Wah-cheung, Gnr. W. L. Chung, Gnr. Fung Kie, Gnr. Chung Wah-kai, Gnr. Li Lai-on, Gnr. M. Cheng, Gnr. William Doo, Gnr. F. M. Poon, Gnr. P. S. Lo, Gnr. A. Chung, Gnr. J. Wan, Gnr. P. K. Chan, Gnr. J. Y. Lam and Gnr. J. A. Lim.

### ii. Dress For All Day Parades

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Batteries. - S.D. Cap, jacket, trousers, black boots, web equipment, including haversack and water bottle filled; tin hat, overalls and gun platform shoes to be carried. Greatcoat, Knife, fork, spoon, plate & mug to be brought.

5th A.A. Battery. - S.D. Cap, shirt, cardigan, trousers, boots, web equipment including haversack & waterbottle filled; steel helmet, overalls and gun platform shoes to be carried. Greatcoat, knife, fork, spoon, plate and mug to be brought.

1st BATTERY. Tues. 14th Jan. H.Q. 8 a.m. for D'Aguiar.

### iv. 2ND BATTERY

Sun. 12th Jan. Kowloon City Range. 9 a.m. Those detailed. Dress - Tunics, slacks, S.D. caps, web belts, black boots.

Rifles must be returned to the Armoury not later than Mon. 13th Jan.

Tues. 14th Jan. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. Layers & D. R. F. Classes. Layers re-qualification class. Gun Drill and dummy loader for those absent from parade on Thurs. 9th Jan. Dress - Mufti, overalls and S. D. caps to be carried.

Thurs. 16th Jan. H.Q. 8 a.m. for Bluff Head. (Camp Pay will be issued on this parade.)

### v. 3RD BATTERY

Sun. 12th Jan. Rifle Course. H.K. members - 7.45 a.m. H.Q. Kowloon members - 8.30 a.m. Kowloon City Bus terminal. Dress - shorts, shirt, cardigan, boots, puttees, S.D. cap, web equipment. Mon. 13th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Pay Parade. Kit Inspection. ALL must attend with complete uniform and equipment.

Thurs. 16th Jan. St. John's Place. 8 a.m. All, except D.E.L. Personnel, for Aberdeen.

Thurs. 16th Jan. St. John's Place. 2.00 p.m. D.E.L. Personnel for Aberdeen.

Fri. 17th Jan. St. John's Place. 5.30 p.m. B.C.A. Class.

Fri. 17th Jan. D.E.L. School. 5.30 p.m. D.E.L. Personnel.

### vi. 4TH BATTERY

Tues. 14th Jan. H.Q. 9.00 a.m. Kit Inspection. Musketry Practice. Issue of Camp Pay. Later to Pak-shawan for Battery training.

Note: All clothing and equipment must be produced for kit inspection.

### vii. 5TH A.A. BATTERY

Tues. 14th Jan. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. No. 1 Section for Saiwan.

Thurs. 16th Jan. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. No. 2 Section for Saiwan.

Tues. 14th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 2 Section. Dress - Mufti.

Thurs. 16th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 1 Section. Dress - Mufti.

### (b) FIELD COMPANY

#### ENGINEERS

Thurs. 16th Jan. K.C.R. 8.30 a.m. Technical exercise at Golden Hill. Dress - shirts, shorts, cardigans, S.D. caps, puttees, hosiery and boots.

### (c) CORPS SIGNALS

Mon. 13th Jan. H.Q. 5.20 p.m. (i) Return of Rifles Bayonets and S.B.Rs. (ii) Buzzer and Telegraphy instruction.

Wed. 15th Jan. H.Q. 2.00 p.m. (i) Classified Men - Field Signaling Exercise. (ii) Unclassified Men - Signal Training. (iii) Evening Parade - Signal Training as detailed.

Fri. 17th Jan. H.Q. 2.00 p.m. (i) Frontier Detachment - Mainland Recce. (ii) Classified Men - Field Training. (iii) Unclassified Men - Signal Training at H.Q. (iv) Evening Parade - Signal Training as detailed.

### (e) MOBILE COLUMN

Wed. 15th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) Handling in of anti-gas respirators. (ii) Discussion on Combined exercise.

Fri. 17th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L. G. and M. G. training.

### (e) NO. 1 COMPANY

Mon. 13th Jan. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. All Day Training.

Tues. 14th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Web belt and slings to be brought.

Fri. 17th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Web belt and slings to be brought.

### (f) NO. 2 COMPANY

Wed. 15th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade for lecture.

Friday. 17th Jan. Field Day. Details per Company circular.

### (g) NO. 3 COMPANY

Sun. 12th Jan. Musketry Table "B" at Kowloon City Range. 8.45 a.m. Dress - Caps, cardigans, shorts, equipment less haversack and waterbottle.

Mon. 13th Jan. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Dress as usual.

Thurs. 16th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (h) NO. 4 COMPANY

Mon. 13th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Classes 9 and 10, all recruits and trained men as detailed.

Wed. 15th Jan. All Day Training (i) Nos. 14 and 15 Platoons. Hong Kong men - H.Q. 7.30. Kowloon men - Kowloon Railway Station 8.00 a.m. (ii) No. 13 Platoon - H.Q. 8.15 a.m. Dress for all - Battle with S.D. Caps.

Fri. 17th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Classes 9 and 10, all recruits and trained men as detailed.

### (i) NO. 5 COMPANY

Mon. 13th Jan. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Dress as before.

Tues. 14th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. (i) L.G. Sections - Sight-setting, Aiming and Firing. (ii) Remainder. Mechanism, Heads 4 and 5.

Fri. 17th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed.

### (j) NO. 6 COMPANY

Sun. 12th Jan. L.G. Classification at Stonecutters Range. All those who have not previously fired. There will be no exemptions.

Dress - Boots, Trousers, shirts, cardigans, S.D. caps and webbing equipment. Range Officer - Lt. F. V. V. Ribeiro. Launch leaves Hong Kong 8.15 a.m. and Kowloon 8.30 a.m.

Fri. 17th Jan. No parade. Sat. 18th Jan. H.Q. 2.30 p.m. Dress - Fighting order, with S.D. caps, steel helmets to be slung over the left shoulder and anti-gas respirators at the alert.

### (k) NO. 7 COMPANY

Mon. 13th Jan. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. L.G. T.E.O.T. Those detailed. L.G. Nos. 1 & 2 - Revolver Instruction. Junior N.C.Os - Map Reading.

Fri. 17th Jan. H.Q. 8.15 a.m. All day training for D'Aguiar. Dress as previously detailed.

### (l) ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Mon. 13th Jan. to Sat. 18th Jan. inclusive - Transport and Supplies Sections for duty as detailed under Company arrangements. Dress - K.D. jacket, trousers, S.D. cap, Belt, boots. Duty Officer - Capt. G. Niskin.

Thurs. 16th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Whole Company. Gas Chamber. Dress - Overalls, S. D. cap, Black boots. It is important that all members of Coy attend.

Sun. 19th Jan. 8.30 a.m. Transport Exercise. Dress - slacks and tunics, S.D. cap, belt, boots, steel helmet, (haversacks and water-bottles to be brought).

### (m) FIELD AMBULANCE

Wed. 15th Jan. H.Q. 2.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. Dress - Jacket, shorts, boots, puttees, S.D. cap, belt, water bottle (filled), haversack, mess tin, knife, fork & spoon and greatcoat. Those who have been granted leave of absence through their firms for the afternoon must report at 6 p.m.

All anti-gas respirators must be returned to store by Wed. 15th Jan.

### (n) FORTRESS SIGNAL COMPANY

Tues. 14th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Lewis Gun Revision. Squads as arranged by C.S.M.

Thurs. 16th Jan. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Lewis Gun Revision. Squads as arranged by C.S.M.

E. N. THURSBY, Capt., Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. AFFILIATED UNIT. Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

1. Mon. 13th Jan. Advanced Lecture, Military Hospital, 5.30 p.m. Office Workers. Transport leaves Queen's Pier 5.20 p.m.

2. Wed. 15th Jan. Home Nursing Lecture, Vol. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Practical Class. Vol. H.Q. 4.30 p.m.

3. Thurs. 16th Jan. Advanced Lecture, Military Hospital, 3 p.m. Noh-Office Workers. Transport leaves Queen's Pier 2.45 p.m. via Vol. H.Q.

4. Fri. 17th Jan. First Aid Lecture, Vol. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Practical Class. Vol. H.Q. 4.30 p.m.

5. Attachment to Military Hospital - Mrs. I. Andrews Levinge - 6th to 15th January, 1941.

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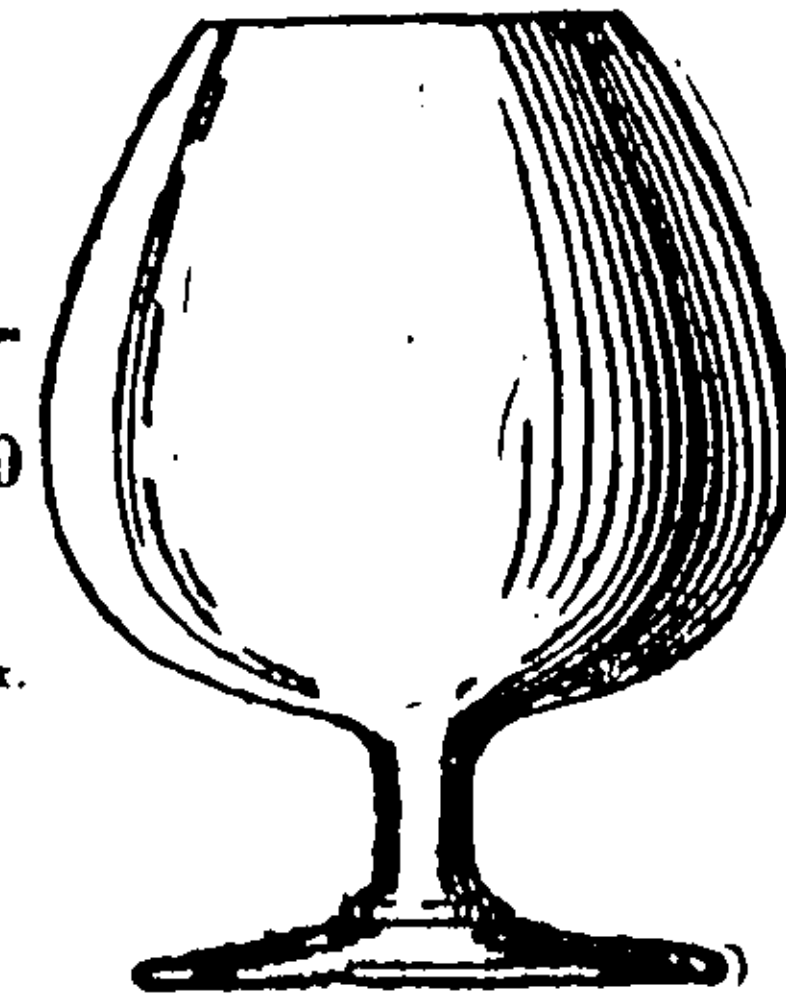
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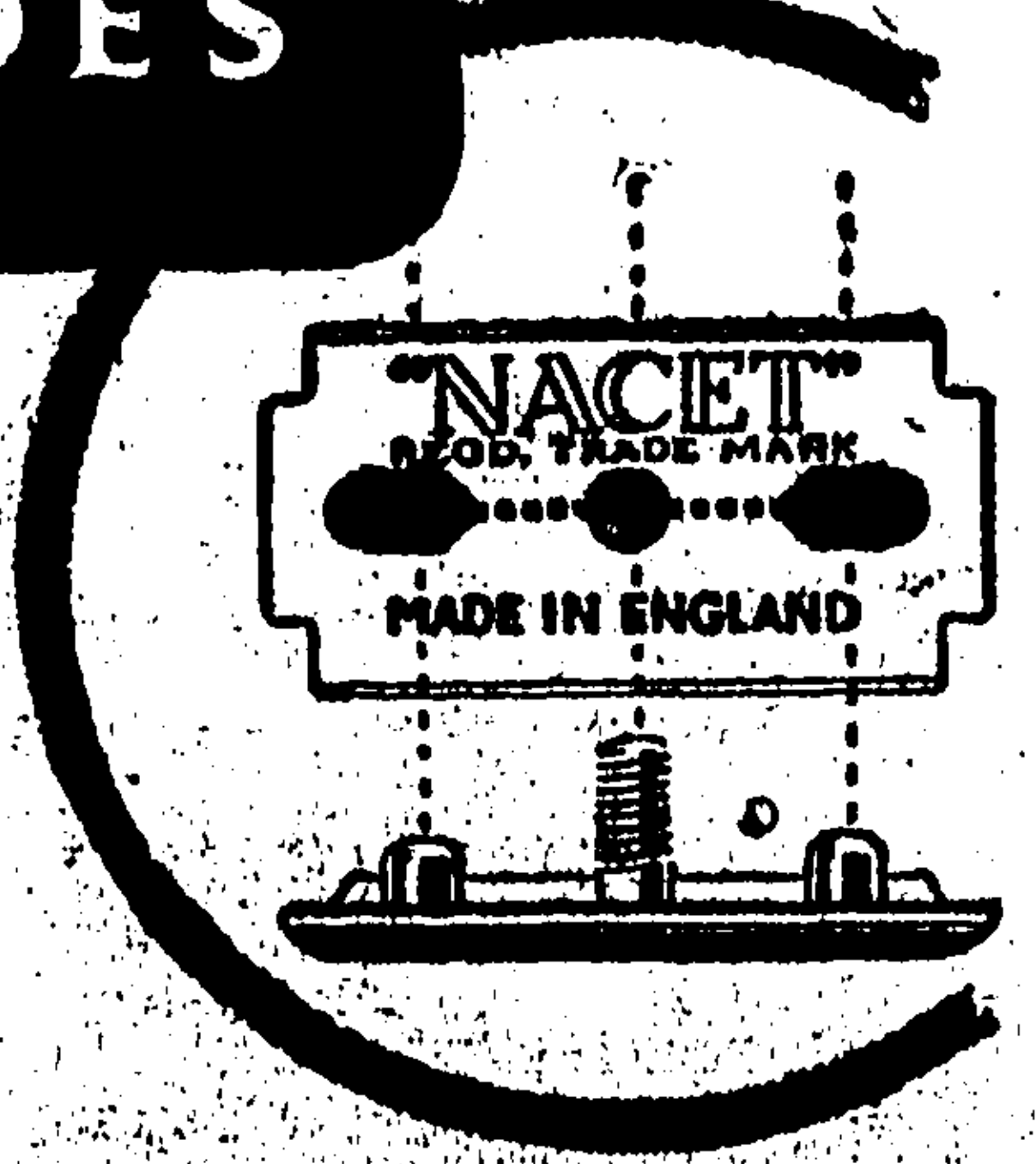
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# ST. JOSEPH'S MEET RECREIO IN VITAL MATCH TO-MORROW

## Recreio Greatly Affected By Injuries

### Another "Needle" Match In The Junior Division

By "Grandstand"

Another capacity house is anticipated at the Kowloon Football Club Ground to-morrow, when St. Joseph's clash with the Recreio Aces in the Senior Softball League return encounter scheduled for four p.m.

The Saints, who are tied with the Hong Kong Baseballers for first place, are determined to hang on to their present League standing, whilst the Aces, who have dropped three games to the other's two, are still optimistically entertaining hopes of a Mohawk setback to put them in the pennant race once more.

In view of George Souza's sudden batting slump, mentor Chippy Cane of the Collegians is contemplating a reshuffle in the batting order, and it is possible that Arturo "Ozo" Ozorio will replace Souza in the lead-off slot.

The starting pitcher has not yet been named, but it will be either Frankie "Bashful" Gonzales or Charlie Manson. Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard will guard the initial sack with Ozorio at second, and Leonard at third, whilst the short-stop gap will be plugged up by George Souza. Ballhaws will be Henry "Shoe-string" Ali, Jindoe Hussain and Sri Powlaw.

#### Recreio Weak

The intended Recreio line-up has never been as weak before. If you think that their last-minute line-up last week against the Mohawks was weak, then you've got another think coming. As my "fan" Avichy the Rat would say "Yuh ant heard nuttin' yet."

It seems that, although Zinho Gosano was on the disabled list last week, he chose to keep the hot-corner for the Aces, with the result that his injured knee has got worse, and he has been advised to lay off for the rest of the season.

Similarly, Spotty Pereira will not be able to turn out this Sabbath.

The result has been a wholesale switching of positions, and now Henry "Old Marse" Barros will be holding the initial bag, with Nick Beltrao keeping second, Bertie Gosano will have to guard third with Tony "Peewee" Alves in his old spot, the windy alley.

In the event of Eddie "Doctor" Gosano being unavailable, I have been given to understand that hurler Gerry Gosano will have to patrol the centre patch, with Johnnie Alvares taking on mound duties.

The others forming the garden trio will probably be Johnnie Fonseca and Dicky Alves.

#### Careful Selection Of Umpires

The umpires for this game have been carefully selected, and I cannot imagine anybody better suited to take the plate than Abe Liu, Chuck Waggoner and Bill Woo will be in charge of the bases.

Spectators will be assured that there will not be a repetition of last week's farcical umpiring, in which, on one occasion, a runner was called "safe" at the home plate, and was called out again, when the catcher ran after him and tagged him with the ball.

How can? If he didn't touch the plate when he slid home, how could he be called safe. And if he was safe, how could he be called out afterwards? I betcha somebody's having a good laugh!

Another umpire in the same game, gave his decisions sitting down.

#### Canuck Revival

At 1.30 p.m. the Chinese Baseballers take on the cellar champs, the Canadian Chinese. At their first meeting, which nearly resulted in an exhibition of fist-fuffs, the Canucks were badly beaten, but with the recent addition of

the versatile Bill Woo in their line-up, their outlook has taken a sudden turn, and they almost wrested a game from the tight-fighting Cyclones.

The Maple Leafs will probably field Ross Mark, T. Lee, Bill Woo and Luke Bunn in the infield, with Geegee Lee and Herbie Quon as their battery.

The Luermen will be represented by super-charged battery Den Cray and Nip Lum.

"Doc" Molthen, Chuck Waggoner and Dave Walker will umpire this game.

In the other tussle at 2.45 p.m. the Hong Kong Baseballers take on the Filipinos. As the Waggonermen are not expecting any opposition from the Islanders, it is quite likely that "Doc" Molthen will be given a chance on the mound, although Cy "Screwball" Jones will probably start.

Filipino chucker will be Tatong Amper, with Bob Laurel catching. Herbie Quon, Nip Lum and Bill Woo, will be the arbitrators.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE

By "Grandstand"

When the Chung Hwa nine meet the V.R.C. squad at the Chatham Road Football Ground at 10.15 a.m. the Junior League Championship will probably be decided.

In view of their superior fielding, the Chung Hwamen are tipped to take this tilt, and, unless twirler Jock Brown of the Victorians can do more than just toss them over to hindsnatcher Alec Azedo, the V.R.C. fielders will be in for a hot time, when they come up against some of the heaviest swatters in the junior loop.

Right gardener P. K. "Professor" Lau and first-sacker "Bill" Chang having been indulging in a slugging spree the last few games, Victorian first-sacker will either be Dave Hutchinson or Ming Soares, whilst the mid-way satchel will be kept by Roy Maxwell, with Al Ozorio guarding the hot-corner. The windy alley will be kept by none other than "Bimby the Blimp" Ablong.

Ernie Ribeiro, Cecil Quinn and Lionel Roza-Pereira will be patrolling the wide open spaces.

#### Chung Hwa's Team

For the Chung Hwa team, Jay Liu will be on the mound, with Fung behind the bat. The rest of the line up will be Bill Chang, first-base; Al Lau, second base; P. F. Choy, third base, and Kwok in the short-stop position. Gardeners will be Richard Chung, Loney Loong and P. K. Lau.

Umpires for this important game will be Welfy Welford, Cecil Winglee and D. Aquino.

#### Nam Hwa Favoured

At 9.00 a.m. South China take on the Cosmos, with the Nam Hwa lot having a slight edge in this game. Battery for South China will be Bill Quon and Cecil Winglee.

If the Royal Engineers can put up a team, they will tangle with Daddy Souza's Liga Portuguesa boys, whilst the R.A.F. meet the 8th R.A. in the last game at 12.45 p.m.

## TO-MORROW'S SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

**SENIOR LEAGUE**  
(At the Kowloon Football Ground)  
Canadian Chinese v Chinese Baseballers  
(1.30 p.m.)  
("Doc" Molthen, Chuck Waggoner and Dave Walker.)

Filipinos v H.K. Baseballers  
(2.45 p.m.)  
(H. Quon, Nip Lum and Bill Woo.)  
St. Joseph's v Recreio Aces  
(4.00 p.m.)  
(Abe Liu, Chuck Waggoner and Bill Woo.)

**JUNIOR LEAGUE**  
(At the Chatham Road Military Football Ground)  
South China v Cosmos  
(9.00 a.m.)  
(P. K. Lau, Richard Chung and P. F. Choy.)

Chung Hwa v V.R.C.  
(10.15 a.m.)  
(Welfy Welford, Cecil Winglee and D. Aquino.)

Royal Engineers v Liga  
(11.30 a.m.)  
(Roy Maxwell, Dabbies, Remedios and Ed Silva.)

R.A.F. v 8th R.A.  
(12.45 p.m.)  
(Welford, Tony Pereira and Daddy Souza.)

**LADIES' LEAGUE**  
(At the Kowloon Football Ground)  
Cardinals v Canadian Chinese  
(9.00 a.m.)  
(Mike Mendonca, C. Marques and J. Fonseca.)

Chung Hwa v Baby Panthers  
(10.30 a.m.)  
(Herbie Quon, J. Delgado and Dave Walker.)

Little Flowers v Wildcats  
(12.00 noon.)  
(Nick Beltrao, Charlie Figueredo and C. Marques.)

**INTER-HONG LEAGUE**  
(At the Marina Ground)  
Cables v Greenspots  
(11.15 a.m.)  
(Bob Laurel, M. Souza and C. Rozario.)

## V.R.C. SOFTBALL TEAM

The following will represent V.R.C. in their Second Division Softball League game against Chung Hwa to-morrow at 10.15 a.m. on the Chatham Road ground: A. C. Brown, A. H. Azedo, M. M. de V. Soares, R. Maxwell, E. E. Ablong, Jr., A. V. Ozorio, E. Ribeiro, C. Quinn, L. Roza-Pereira, E. D. da Roza, F. Baradass, R. Castro, S. Izatt, A. A. Remedios, A. A. Noronha, C. Rozario, P. Antonio.

## PONY AUCTION

Good prices were obtained at an auction of China pony griffins, eligible to run at the forthcoming Hong Kong Jockey Club annual meeting, held in the paddock of the Jockey Club yesterday.

The list of ponies sold, their prices and purchasers, follows:

Chestnut, 14 hands, \$550, (Hsu

## LADIES SOFTBALL LEAGUE

By "Grandstand"

In the curtain-raiser of the Ladies Softball League at the Kowloon Football Ground, the Cardinals tangle with the Canadian Chinese in the only interesting tilt in this week's schedule in the ladies' loop.

Although the Redbirds have a much faster hurler in Efigina Babida, they are not likely to take this game, as the Canuckette fielding is much tighter.

Mary Ng will probably take on mound duties with Dot Louie catching. Although Alice Mar, relief hurler, is coming on line, the Maple Leafs are not taking any chances, coming into the home stretch without a loss chalked against them.

Maria Roza will probably catch for the Cards, although she has not been seen at practices lately and Kitty Bush, Gilly da Motta, Betty Fitzgerald and Grandma Hutchinson will guard the base-paths, with rookie Pat Jorge, Betty Clarke and Natty Faledona in the out-field.

It is not quite certain whether Marina Wilson will be able to play yet, being put out of action some time ago when her finger had an argument with a ball! Needless to say, the ball won the argument!

Umpires for this game will be Mike Mendonca, Caco Marques and Johnnie Fonseca.

## Chung Hwa Should Win

Ella Chinn's Chung Hwa lassies will most probably be handed out another shellacking when they cross bats with the Baby Panthers. Lella Xavier and Theresita Botelho will be the Pantherette battery, whilst their usual infield line-up will be Celeste Marques, first; Sarah Kwong, second; Alex Mendonca third, and Regina Xavier, short-stop.

Ballhaws will be Theresita Marques, Hilda Soares, and Thelma "Peanut" Marques.

## Another Track-Meet?

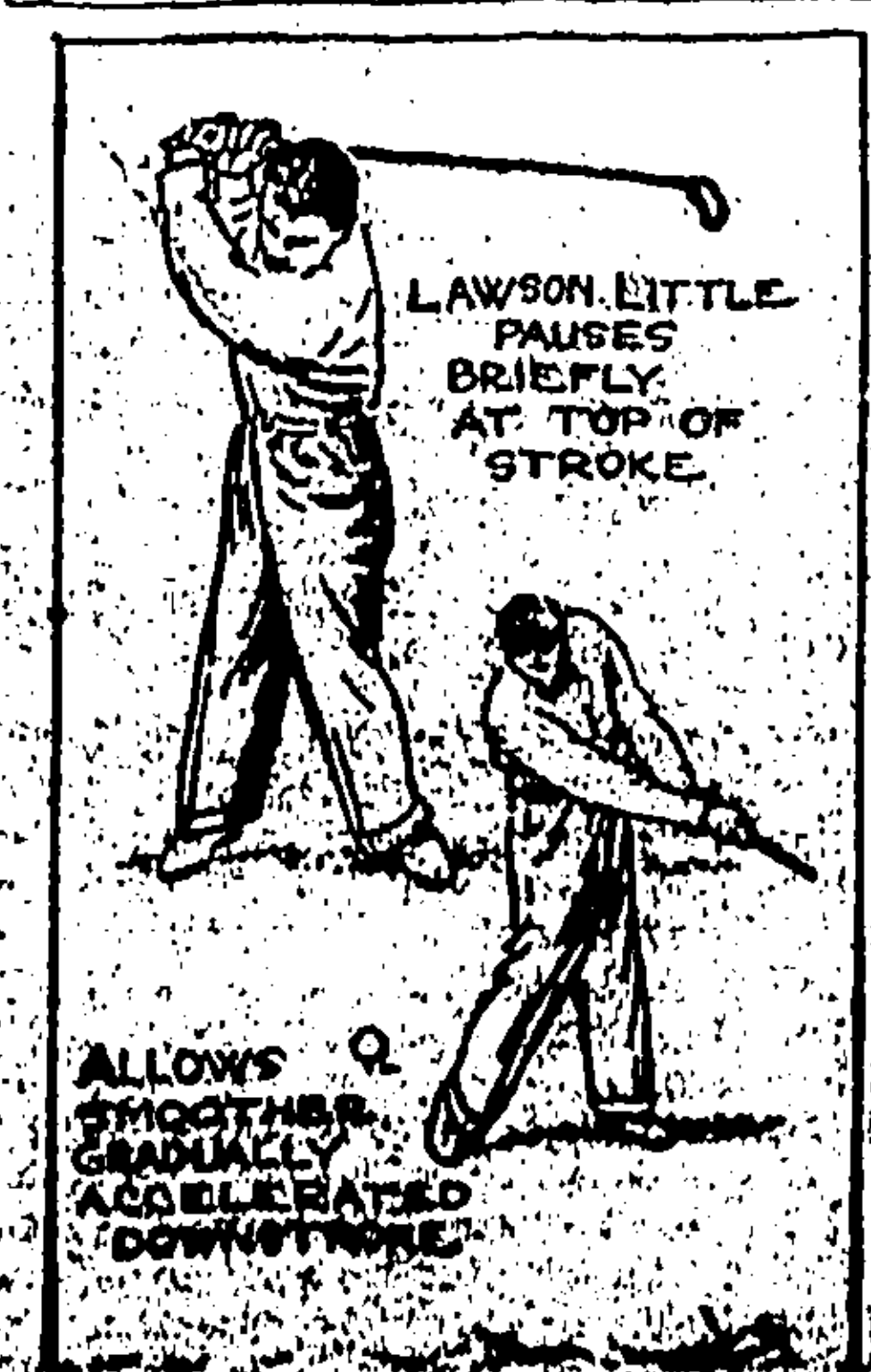
The Wildcats-Little Flower clash at 12.00 will more likely than not be another run around affair. Florinha battery will be Lily Silva and Hilda Antonia, whilst Thema Collaco will be tossing them over to Cynthia da Motta.

Yum-tong; chestnut mare, 14 hands 1 inch, \$1,200, (A. Black). Chestnut, 14 hands, \$690, (Wong Yan); chestnut stallion, 14 hands 1 inch, \$3,000, (Frank Gray). Brown, 14 hands 1 inch, \$875, (H. F. She); bay mare, 14 hands 1 inch, \$1,400, (Siu Yuen-tong); and Starlet, 1939 sub-griffin, 14 hands, \$85, (Choy Sih-liang).

## Before The Downstroke

By BEST BALL  
A slight pause at the top of the stroke is nothing new in stroke mechanics. Such a

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feature was employed and advocated as far back as 1910, by James Braid. The big item is that this advice has lost none of its efficacy in the intervening years. Tommy Armour made particularly good use of it during his heyday, and Lawson Little still continues to employ it.

The cessation of movement at the top must be but momentary, not over a quarter of a second for if prolonged it will result in tensing the muscles. In the brief time the pause endures, there is a complete stop between the up-stroke and the down-stroke, so that the latter can start without the friction which might result were the swing started down before the backswing was completed. Not only does this allow a more complete wrist cock but it tends to start the downswing away in a leisurely fashion, in which the speed can be gradually increased as the stroke descends. This prevents flailing the clubhead down from the top of the stroke, one of the most flagrant of the beginner's errors.

NEXT WEEK: The Right Groove.

## TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Navy, who have Carter back to lead them, will meet Volunteers in their Rugby match to-day, at 4 p.m. on the Police ground at Boundary Street.

Carter is playing at fly-half in place of O'Riordan, and Beattie is an absentee from the back row of the scrum, being replaced by Eager.

Following is Navy's team: Lt. Morahan; S/Lt. McGill, Tel. Honeywill, A/Ldg. Tel. Paul and A/Ldg. Tel. Bowden; Lt. Carter (Capt.) and Lt. Rutherford; S/Lt. Winter, Lt. Watson, Sergeant Manfield; C.P.O. Wtr. King, L.A.C. Stockham; A.B. Longmuir, S/Lt. Eager and S/Lt. Poole.

Reserves: S/Lt. Kennedy, Cdt. Lambie, L.S.A. Palmer, S/Lt. Carey and P.O. Wilson.

The Volunteers team is as follows:

F. M. Thompson; D. I. Bosanquet; D. G. Day, T. O. Morgan and D. H. Stewart; J. C. Charter and J. M. Thomson; A. F. Walkden, R. Burford, L. M. Macrae; R. C. Gairdner, A. M. Kennedy; G. B. Godfrey, A. J. G. Taylor and E. W. Stout.

At 2.45 p.m. on the Police ground, a mixed "A" fifteen will meet the Police, the mixed team being as follows:

Capt. Barclay; P. B. Wilson, D. B. Nelson, L/Bdr. Richards and L/Sgt. Marsh; Capt. Scriven and L/Cpl. Morgan; R. Olsen, R. G. Castleton, J. Moodie; L. A. Benn, E. W. R. Hackett; B. Hynes, J. Redman and A. N. Other.

## CENTRE COURT'S ESCAPE

The sacred turf of the famous centre court at Wimbledon had a narrow escape from Nazi venom recently.

One of three high explosive bombs which dropped on the All-England Lawn Tennis Club recently crashed through the competitors' stand and flung debris on to the court.

The stand, occupied at one time or another by the world's greatest lawn tennis stars, was badly damaged when the bomb penetrated the roof of the centre court building, crashed through the stand and exploded on the ground below.

## Royal Box

Adjoining the competitors' stand is the Committee Box where the King and Queen and other members of the Royal Family sit when they visit the championships.

Miss Nora Cleather, secretary of the Club, said the damage to the turf caused by the debris has been put right, but repairs to the stand will probably not be undertaken until after the war.

The All-England Lawn Tennis Championships have been played on the present courts since 1922, when the club moved from its old headquarters in another part of Wimbledon. Reuter.

## CHAMPION JOCKEY IN R.A.F.

RONN RACERS WILL BE GLAD TO HEAR THAT CHAMPION JOCKEY TOMMY CABEY IS VERY MUCH ALIVE AND KICKING WRITES L. V. MANNING.

He is in the R.A.F., and was in the front line, almost as soon as he was in uniform. He is a "ground man" and confessed to me that he has had more thrills and escapes than he ever dreamed of as a jockey on the flat or over the sticks.

I am one of many who hope to see Tommy back under Jockey Club and National Hunt Rules when the war releases him from duty.

And I'll take quite short odds that when he does return for pony racing he will become one of Miss Dorothy Page's riders.



## TO-DAY'S CRICKET

# SENIOR LEAGUE OPENS WITH SOME INTERESTING FIXTURES

## K.C.C. Should Beat C.C.C. But Can Take No Chances

### UNIVERSITY EXPECTED TO DO WELL AGAINST THE I.R.C.

By "Adrem"

THE REALLY SERIOUS PART OF THE SEASON'S CRICKET PROGRAMME GETS UNDER WAY THIS AFTERNOON, WHEN SENIOR DIVISION FIXTURES START WITH TWO MATCHES.

Both matches should be interesting. The Champions, Kowloon Cricket Club, will travel to the Valley, where they will meet Craigengower Cricket Club, and enthusiasts will watch their form with keen interest.

Craigengower, although they have been described by a contemporary as being easily the weakest senior team in the Colony, have an extremely well-varied and keen attack and, with several members of their side good for big scores, they are not a team that can ever be taken lightly.

#### Batting Failures

Kowloon almost suffered a setback against Recreio last week but they are not letting the failure of their batsmen on that occasion worry them unduly.

It has been computed that the strongest batting sides—and that goes for first-class cricket as well—are likely to fall at least twice in the season and there is no reason to believe that K.C.C. will be afflicted with both of their failures in succession!

K.C.C. will be at full strength but Craigengower appear to have weakened their senior team at the expense of their juniors and there is likely to be a distinct tail to the batting. On paper Kowloon should win easily, but taking into consideration the number of times Craigengower have upset K.C.C.'s championship aspirations in the past, I would not like to place any money on this afternoon's result.

#### University's Improvement

If I had been asked to forecast the result of any match between University and Indian Recreation Club last season, I should have had little hesitation in tipping the latter to win. In view of the steady improvement in the 'Varsity side this season, however, and the increased confidence that has been instilled into the undergraduates themselves, I am now not so certain. In fact if any definite decision is arrived at I favour University to get it.

I have not myself played against University, either at home or away, recently but players with whom I have spoken who have visited Pokfulam have told me that it is going to take an exceptionally good side to score an outright win on that ground.

The bowling is steady and the fielding keen, while the batting, although somewhat inconsistent, has rarely failed completely as someone or other has inevitably come off.

I.R.C. are going through a bad period at the moment and I shall not be greatly surprised if they lose, although the fact that they have so many batsmen of the "sticky" variety will probably result in the match being drawn.

#### Junior Matches

In junior matches, the greatly-strengthened K.C.C. should account for University, whom they meet at Cox's Road, while Recreio will probably be too good for Police. The match between I.R.C. and Craigengower should be a close affair but the latter should win as they are the better balanced side and full of confidence at the moment.

An interesting friendly will be played at King's Park, where Recreio will entertain Army.

Following is the programme and some of the teams:

#### PROGRAMME

##### FIRST DIVISION

University v. I.R.C.  
C.C.C. v. K.C.C.

##### SECOND DIVISION

K.C.C. v. University  
Police v. Recreio  
I.R.C. v. C.C.C.

##### FRIENDLIES

H.K.C.C. "A" v. Royal Scots Army  
v. C.S.C.C.

I.R.C. 1st XI:—K. Nazarin (Capt.), M. el Arculli, A. R. Minu, K. M. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, M. P. Madar, S. A. Ismail, A. R. Kitchell, A. R. H. Esmail, A. H. Rumjahn and A. N. Other.

Recreio 1st XI:—E. L. Gosano, W. A. Reed, A. M. Rodrigues, H. L. Ozorio, L. G. Gosano, G. N. Gosano, E. M. L. Soares, N. A. Beltrao, A. P. Pereira Jr., M. M. Mendonca and A. M. Prata.  
C.C.C. 1st XI:—E. Zimmermann (Capt.), P. J. Billmorla, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hozz Sling, G. Souza and J. L. Young Saye.  
Reserve: T. H. Edgar.

University 1st XI:—N. C. Sen Gupta, I. T. Ride, C. N. Matthews, G. Hong Choy, K. Y. Tam, J. Tsui, W. S. Gegg, K. S. Oh, S. Amplavanar, J. Fenton and S. Mahmood.

K.C.C. 1st XI:—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, D. Hung, A. Zimmermann, W. L. Rapley, N. A. E. Mackay, E. F. Fincher, F. R. Zimmermann and R. T. Broadbridge.  
Umpire: J. P. Robinson. Scorer: R. Leigh.  
H.K.C.C.:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, Pay-Lt. J. C. Brown, G. J. P. Carey, Capt. A. J. Dewar, Surg. Lt.-Com. W. G. Finnie, J. L. Isley, R. M. M. King, E. W. Pudnev, J. E. Richardson and D. S. Robb.

I.R.C. 2nd XI:—M. R. Abbas (Capt.), A. H. Ismail, H. T. Barma, M. I. Razack, A. R. Sufiad, F. A. Currie, T. Ali, A. el Arculli, Jr., A. M. Rumjahn, J. M. A. Rumjahn and M. B. Hassan.

Recreio 2nd XI:—E. A. R. Alves (Capt.), P. M. N. da Silva, Jr., H. A. Barros, A. J. M. Prata, A. E. Noronha F. H. Carvalho, J. A. Soares, Remedios B. T. Gosano, M. D'Almada Remedios and A. H. D'Almada Remedios.

C.C.C. 2nd XI:—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and V. K. Way. Reserves: O. M. Omar and L. Choa.

University 2nd XI:—N. Singh, R. M. Soares, T. T. Chin, T. C. Lo, Amecral, K. S. Ooi, E. Mazura, A. Ahmed, D. Chelliah, L. H. Tan and H. F. Lee. Reserves: R. S. Gill and C. W. Hooi.

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI:—H. E. Strange (Capt.), J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, J. F. McGowan, J. Mitchell, N. L. Smith, G. Stone, A. Watson and A. M. J. Wright.

K.C.C. 2nd XI:—S. A. Gray, R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, W. L. Rapley, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, H. Brokenshire, F. Goodwin, Major W. W. Parsons, R. J. Fenton and J. R. Luke. 12th man: G. W. Giffen.

## CRICKET RECORD

Playing for New South Wales recently, A. Morris established a world record by scoring centuries in each innings of the first interstate cricket match at the season's opening.

## WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the soccer programme for the week-end.

#### To-day

##### FIRST DIVISION

St. Joseph's v. Middlesex  
(Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)

##### SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v. Middlesex  
(Chatham Road, 4.00 p.m.)  
30th R.A. v. Navy  
(Stanley, 4.00 p.m.)

##### THIRD DIVISION

Air Force v. 7th R.A.  
(St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)  
12th R.A. v. 24th R.A.  
(Stanley, 4.00 p.m.)

##### JUNIOR SHIELD

(Preliminary Round)  
38th R.A. v. Club  
(Club, 4 p.m.)

#### To-morrow

##### FIRST DIVISION

Sing Tao v. South China  
(Club, 4.00 p.m.)

Police v. Kwong Wah  
(Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

##### SECOND DIVISION

Police v. Service Corps  
(Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)

##### THIRD DIVISION

20th R.A. v. A.S.A.  
(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)

##### JUNIOR SHIELD

(Preliminary Round)  
Kit Chee v. Sing Tao  
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)

## IMPORTANT GAME TO-MORROW

By "Referee"

MILITARY EXERCISES HAVE CAUSED A NUMBER OF GAMES TO BE POSTPONED THIS WEEK-END WITH THE RESULT THAT THE PROGRAMME IS THE SHORTEST THIS SEASON.

A very important game in the deciding of the First Division Championship will be played to-morrow on Club ground between Sing Tao and South China and on present form South China should be able to collect both points.

South China are now the better balanced and fitter team, while Sing Tao have not been very impressive in their recent games.

Two games in the Preliminary Round of the Junior Shield competition will be played this week-end and the better should be that between Kit Chee and Sing Tao to-morrow on the Club ground at 2.30 p.m.

## AUSTRALIA'S ATHLETIC ARMY

Australia is to have an army of athletes, it was revealed early this month. A large number of physical training instructors are being attached to the numerous military units in Australia, and it will be their job to train every Australian soldier to reach at least the following standard:

To run a mile in 6 minutes 5 seconds; to run 100 yards in under 14 seconds; to jump 3 feet 8 inches in height; to jump 14 feet in length; heave a 16-lb. shot.—Reuter.

## VICTORIA R.C. BADMINTON

Following are the latest results in the Victoria Recreation Club badminton tournament:—

#### SINGLES HANDICAP

First Round:—N. Jaffer (plus 5) received a walk over from C. L. Huang (plus 2); D. M. Xavier (—9) beat R. D. Maxwell (plus 1).

#### "ALLAM" CUP

First Round:—A. K. Rumjahn and G. Agabeg beat L. A. Barros and A. A. Gutierrez; J. P. Xavier and L. Roza-Pereira received a walk over from D. M. Xavier and C. L. Huang.

## "Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will represent Y.M.C.A. in Hockey matches at King's Park this afternoon:—

1st XI v. Khalea (4.15 p.m.)—Benwell; Taylor and Yourlett; Jordan, Coombe and Waldron; Gilchrist, Ure, Hitchcock, Morgan and Highlands. Reserves: Saxby and Dunne.

2nd XI v. R.A.S.C. (3 p.m.)—Clegget; Grant and Tomlinson; Spence, Lay, Gorman and Rajlton; Banks, Spare, Ireson, Macey and Dormer. Umpire: Mr. Coombe.

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# FIRST BLOW OF 1941 BATTLE IN THE AIR

## R A.F.'s Successful Daylight Raids Against Luftwaffe

### SOVIET-GERMAN AGREEMENT ON FRONTIER

An agreement on the Soviet - German frontier between the River Igorka (in Lithuania) and the Baltic was signed in Moscow yesterday.

It was stated in Berlin that the agreement fixes the frontier along the lines of the former Polish-Lithuanian and German-Lithuanian frontiers. —Reuter.

### NIGHT BOMBERS DOWNED

Two enemy bombers were shot down during Thursday night's raid on north-west England, according to a communique issued by the Air Ministry yesterday.

The communique also states that a British bomber engaged and shot down an enemy fighter during British operations over Germany on the same night. —Reuter.

## Beginning Of An Even Bigger Blitz?

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

**BY THEIR DRAMATIC daylight raid yesterday on the Pas de Calais region of occupied France, the Royal Air Force struck the first blow in the great struggle with the Luftwaffe of 1941. It is learned in official quarters that the raid is regarded as very successful.**

Up to the present this year, the German Air Force have sent only single raiders over Britain by day. These were the tactics forced upon General Goering, it should be recalled, by the marked superiority of the R.A.F. last August and September, to which so far he has shown no evidence of knowing the answer.

This is the first time that British bombers and fighters have gone into battle together in force since France failed.

The formation, which consisted of a formidable force of bombers, protected by Spitfires and Hurricanes, swept over a large part of the scene of the German drive through to the Channel last year. This bombing and machine-

gunning of German aerodromes and other objectives by daylight may well be the prelude to further daylight raids on the German Army of Occupation beyond the Channel ports, where the paraphernalia of invasion was so heavily bombed by night last Autumn.

### Little Enemy Activity

One of the most remarkable features of the attack was that few Nazi fighters were encountered.

The British bombers had very little cloud to give them cover. From such a beginning, underlined by raids after dark on the invasion and blockade ports and on targets inside Germany could even develop a bigger R.A.F. blitz to put a spoke in the wheel of any German plans for its army of the West before Spring.

At the very least, in association with the great offensive of the Royal Air Force in the Middle East, the operations of the R.A.F. as a whole over the past 24 hours are symptomatic of Britain's aggressive 1941 spirit. — Reuter.

## SOVIET- GERMAN TREATY

**A Soviet-German economic agreement was signed in Moscow yesterday after negotiations proceeding there since the end of October.**

The agreement is based on the German-Soviet Treaty of February 11, 1940, and it was stated in Berlin that it represents a further step in carrying out the economic programme envisaged in 1939.

It regulates the exchange of goods between Germany and the Soviet until August next year.

A German announcement says deliveries provided for far exceed those of the first year of the treaty. Germany will deliver industrial equipment and will receive raw materials, napthan products and foodstuffs.

The German official news agency says all economic questions, including those arising from the incorporation of new territories in the Soviet, were settled in a manner corresponding to the interests of the two countries. — Reuter.

## STOP PRESS

The premium at which money-changers may exchange Hong Kong currency of any denomination for Hong Kong five cent coins has been fixed at one per cent.

The only authorised entry points into the New Territories, under the Immigration Control Ordinance, were announced in the "Gazette" this morning as Shataukok Blockhouse, Lin Tong Pass, Man Kam To Bridge, Lo Wu Bridge and Lokmachau Ferry Crossing.

It is notified in the "Gazette" that during the absence of Mr. Seiki Yano, Mr. Takio Oda will be in charge of the Japanese Consulate-General.

Mr. J. C. Fitz-Henry is appointed Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade.

The following appointments to the Immigration Department are announced:—

To be Immigration Officer:—Robert Andrew Dermot Forrest.

To be Deputy Immigration Officers:—John Henry Burkill Lee, Hermann Derek Bryan.

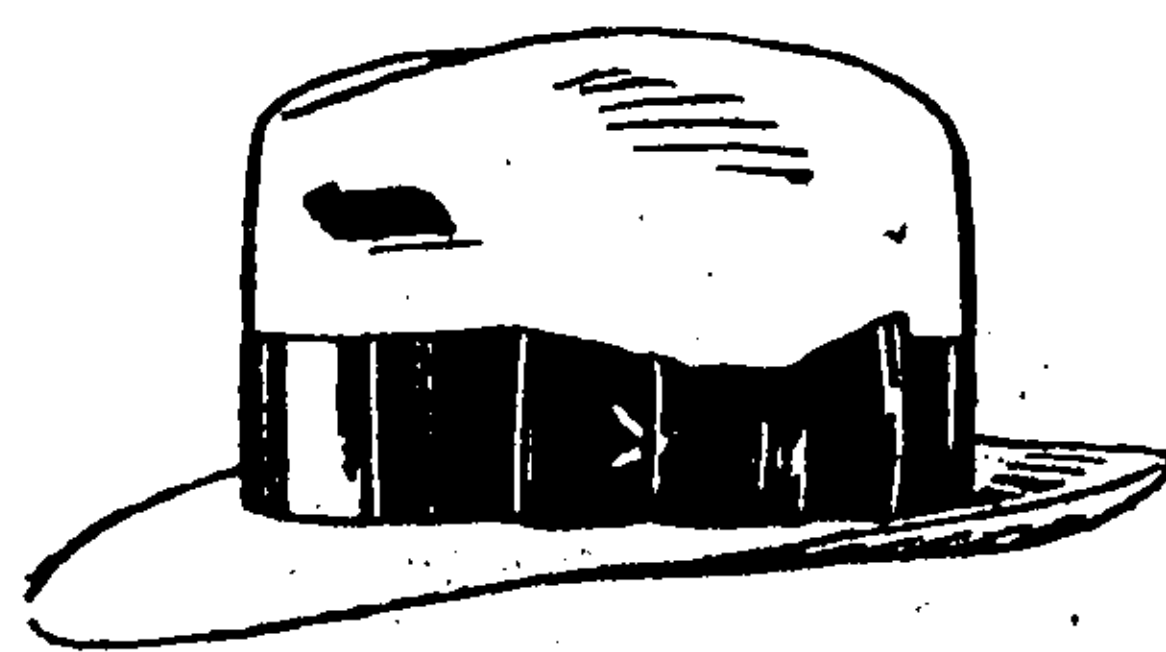
To be Assistant Immigration Officers:—Alexander James Gourlay Taylor, Leo Weill, Lionel Ernest Lammert, Arthur Inglis Burnie, Robert Martin Anne Poinso, Charles Young, Bertram Carmichael Hobbs, Anatole Komorsky.

To be Chinese Assistant Immigration Officers:—Wong Wing Nin, Kan Lu Dun, Peter Mok, Philip Lising, Hung To Sing, Tse Sze Chiu, Walter Hanming Chen, Paul Ping Lun, Henry Keong Mark, Chiu Chung Fook, Ko Min To, Chong Tuck Wing, Tong Man Kam, Wong Kam Nok, Tong Chung Kwan, Chen Sheng Wei, Ngan Chung Ki.

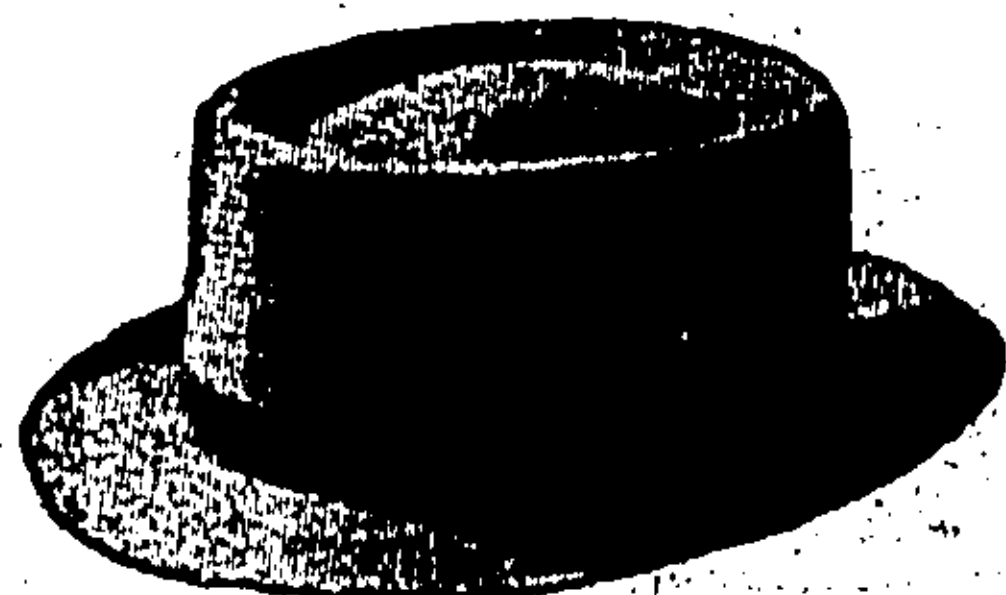


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### R.A.F. DAYLIGHT "BLITZ" ON NORTHERN FRANCE

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#### Brest's Third Raid

The R.A.F.'s attack on Brest on Thursday night, it was revealed in London, lasted six hours.

In bright moonlight the crews of British bombers clearly observed direct hits on a large ship, dry docks and buildings. Fires were caused near the entrance of the military port.

The raid was the third on Brest within a week. — Reuter.

#### KING TO HEAD NEW CORPS

The King has consented to become Air Commodore-in-Chief to the new Air Training Corps. — Reuter.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Davidson wish to express their heartfelt thanks to their friends, for the many letters, flowers, and kind messages which have reached them during the past week. They find it impossible to reply to each one, but are anxious that their friends should realize how great a comfort that sympathy has been to them.

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